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SOCIETY WOMEN ARE ARRESTED

Suffragettes Still More Determined to Carry Out Their Programme

MANY NOW IN CUSTODY

Female Orators at Meeting Speak of Adopting Stronger Measures

London, Feb. 24.—Every effort of the suffragettes to force the hand of the government becomes more determined, and it is becoming difficult to predict how their demands may result. The situation has taken on an embarrassing aspect for the government, owing to the high social position of many among some thirty or more women arrested this evening. These including Mrs. Patrick Lawrence, Lady Constance Lytton, sister of Lord Lytton and daughter of the former Viceroy of India, Miss Stratford Dugdale, daughter of Commander Dugdale, cousin of the Hon. Wm. R. Peal, who was elected yesterday in a bye-election as member of the House of Commons for Taunton, Miss Daisy Solomon, daughter of the ex-premier of Cape Colony, and Mrs. Catherine Elizabeth Corbett, an aristocratic supporter of the suffragette movement.

Both sides were well prepared for tonight's attempt on the part of the suffragettes. The latter attempted to call on Premier Asquith, who yesterday had declined by letter to receive the delegation.

The women "held parliament" at Caxton hall and a number of them started on "danger duty" in a solid phalanx, led by Mrs. Lawrence. The police, abandoning former tactics of barring the approaches to the House of Commons, adopted the new plan of breaking up the procession close to Caxton hall. They permitted the suffragettes to proceed simply by couples, and escorted by small parties of spectators. The women were thus not given much chance to create a disturbance, although they were allowed to come within close proximity to parliament. The police, however, kept them continually on the move, and none were allowed access to the buildings.

Miss Pankhurst at the meeting said: "When I speak of stronger measures I speak in all earnestness. We value neither our liberty nor our lives unless the women of this country get a vote."

Miss Solomon on returning from the first expedition, apologized to the meeting for her failure to get arrested. She said she had done her best, and would lead another attempt.

All the expeditions were given musical honors when they set forth, the band playing the "Marseillaise." The women who were arrested were locked up for the night, and will be arraigned in the Bow street court tomorrow.

Two "human letters" were dispatched to Premier Asquith yesterday afternoon by the inventive militant suffragettes. Mrs. Drummond and Miss Pankhurst were the senders of this novel mail. Entering the Strand post-office the two women inquired if it was a possible thing to send two "human letters" express. On being answered in the affirmative they brought in two of their colleagues, Mrs. McLellan and Miss Solomon and addressed them to the premier's official residence prepaid. The two women were at once dispatched in the care of a telegraph messenger. The servants at the premier's residence, however, refused to accept the delivery of this suffragist mail and the police appeared and quickly cleared the women out of Downing street.

C. P. R. Purchase.

Montreal, Feb. 24.—Sir Thomas Shaughnessy today confirmed yesterday's London report that the C. P. R. had purchased $5,000,000 of new Dominion loan. He said the company had some money to spare and bought the debentures because "We considered Canadian debentures a good, sound, investment."

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Important Mining Deal.

Nelson, B.C., Feb. 24.—The most important mining deal that has been put through in this district for some years was completed today when the Consolidated Mining and Smelting company, of Trail, took a two and an half years' bond on the well known Queen Victoria mine, eight miles west of this city. The mine is equipped with the most modern machinery, and shipments of ore to the Trail smelter will commence at once.

Winnipeg Labor Dispute

Ottawa, Feb. 24.—The Labor department has nominated Rev. C. W. Gordon (Ralph Connor) of Winnipeg, to represent the Manitoba Cartage Co. of that city upon the board of conciliation and investigation to adjust the dispute between the company and its employees. The employees will be represented by the solicitor for the Dominion Trades and Labor Council in the west.

ANGLICAN COLLEGE

Meeting Held at Mansion House to Further Educational Work in British Columbia

London, Feb. 24.—A big Mansion House meeting was held today to commemorate the jubilee work of the Church of England in British Columbia, and to further appeal for aid to establish St. Mark's college for the purpose of training clergy, which is to be attached as a hostel to the provincial university and to be under the control of representatives of each diocese of British Columbia. It will likely cost $30,000. The Archbishop of Canterbury emphasized the importance of the work for the church in British Columbia, which fifty years hence, he said, would possibly be part of the hub of the universe and was bound to be the meeting place of east and west. He paid a great tribute to that remarkable man of God, Bishop Hills, of British Columbia, and his work in the province. Lord Strathcona and Mr. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., also supported the appeal.

WOULD BUILD TUNNEL UNDER ST. LAWRENCE

St. John Engineer's Plan For Substitute For the Quebec Bridge

Montreal Feb. 24.—R. S. Armstrong, of St. John, N.B., appeared before the council of the board of trade today with a novel proposition. The board of trade has taken considerable interest in the Quebec bridge because it is believed that its height above the water would make it a hindrance to navigation between Quebec and Montreal.

Mr. Armstrong's proposal, which he illustrated with plans, was that instead of reconstructing the bridge as originally designed, it should be replaced by a submarine tunnel across the river, located about forty feet below the low water surface of the river and supported on piers. The tunnel would consist of a huge steel tube surrounded with a thick covering of cement securely bolted to the supporting piers to keep it from rising to the surface. It would run across the river directly from Quebec to Levis and would have four tracks, two of which could be used for street railway purposes. The cost Mr. Armstrong placed at about the same figure as that of a bridge.

It was decided to hold a special meeting of the board on Friday next when Mr. Armstrong will explain the project to the members. The plan of construction is the same as that adopted for the tunnel being built between Windsor and Detroit, except that at that point, the water not being so deep the tunnel is being laid in a trench excavated at the bottom of the river. The novelty of the Armstrong plan lies in the supporting piers.

TEN KILLED

Disaster Results to Workmen From Slipping of Gangway at Wharf in Hamburg

Hamburg, Feb. 24.—Ten persons were killed and seventeen injured tonight through the slipping of a gangway between the wharf and the steamer Kaiserin Auguste Victoria, which was being loaded preparatory to sailing for New York on Saturday next. No passengers were among the victims. Those on the gangway when the accident occurred included members of the crew, stevedores and stewardesses. These were dashed into the water, which was covered with thick drift ice. The majority of them sustained broken bones, and several were badly crushed. Only seventeen of them were rescued, and the officials estimate the dead, some of whose bodies have not been recovered, at ten or more.

Strike Levy Refused

Ottawa, Feb. 24.—In common with the Toronto Pressmen's union, Ottawa union, No. 5 of the International Pressmen's union of North America, has refused to pay the ten per cent strike levy demanded by the parent union.

Judgeship for Ex-Speaker

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 24.—It was announced here today that Hon. R. F. Sutherland, former speaker of the Commons, would be appointed to the high court bench, vice Mr. Justice Anglin, who has been appointed to the supreme court of Canada.

Toronto Students Poisoned

Toronto, Feb. 24.—Only Principal Hutton, out of 126 student athletes and nine professors, who attended the feast to the athletic champions of the university held recently, escaped three days of misery from ptomaine poisoning. The effects were exactly the same in all cases. Prof. Hutton and the students' physical instructor said today that most of them had recovered. Just what article of food was responsible no one knows.

ONTARIO TOWNS ARE INUNDATED

Heavy Rains Raise Several Streams Away Above Their Banks

MUCH PROPERTY DAMAGED

St. Thomas, Belleville and Port Hope Have Hard Experience

St. Thomas, Ont., Feb. 24.—The worst flood in twenty years occurred here last night and today. The flats on two sides of the city are completely submerged, and much damage has been done to houses, while everything movable has been swept down Kettle creek and out into Lake Erie.

Belleville Flooded

Belleville, Ont., Feb. 24.—The incessant rain has flooded many portions of the city. The rolling mills had to quit work, as the water surrounds the plant and is running over the floor.

Torrent at Port Hope

Port Hope, Ont., Feb. 24.—The Ganaraska river, swollen by the recent rains, overflowed its banks this afternoon and caused damage which will run up to $25,000. Between two and three o'clock the river had changed to a torrent, and had torn out the Canton bridge to the north, Helm's dam, the electric light plant at the foot of the bridge, the Barret's mill bridge and the G. T. R. footbridge, besides stripping away the north side of the heavy cement bridge on Walton St., Port Hope's main street. The Ontario House was swamped, part of the barn torn away, and several cutters lost. The Royal hotel had its new balcony destroyed, and Walton, Queen, Mill, Cayen and John streets were flooded two feet deep. Thousands of heavy blocks of ice swept down the streets and presented an awe-inspiring sight. On the south side of the Walton street bridge the ice filled the Times office. Tom Dee's laundry, Putnam's shoe store, Smith's barber shop and other stores were almost wrecked. The Toronto bank and McLean's piano store were flooded. Hayden's foundry, Chalk's carriage works, and G. N. Pattin's lumber yards were also sufferers, the latter losing $1,500 worth of timber. The girls in the Ideal clothing factory had to escape by ladders, and Ken Runnells, insurance agent, had a narrow escape from drowning, his rig and horse falling with the G. T. R. bridge. J. G. Elliott, foreman of the Times, actually caught two fish in the Times office during the flood.

Drowned in Swollen Creek

Hagersville, Ont., Feb. 24.—Wm. Doyle, who lived on the Indian reserve, was drowned while driving through Spring creek today. The creek is swollen by the flood and the team was swept away. A young son of Doyle's with him managed to swim to safety.

Railway Earnings.

Montreal, Feb. 24.—C. P. R. earnings for the third week of February increased $102,000, compared with the same week last year. Grand Trunk railway earnings for the third week of February increased $20,832, compared with the same week a year ago.

LONG FLIGHT MADE WITH AN AERODROME

Douglas McCurdy Sails Around Baddeck Bay in His Airship

Douglas McCurdy yesterday far surpassed his achievement of the previous day with the aerodrome of his own invention. The following despatch from Professor Bell tells the story of his performance:

Baddeck, N. S., Feb. 24, 1909.
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Douglas eclipsed all records of the association this morning by circumnavigating, or rather circumdroming, Baddeck bay at a height of forty to fifty feet. He went between four and five miles at forty miles an hour, a magnificent performance.

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Fatal Collision.

Cleveland, Feb. 24.—Three persons were fatally injured and twenty others hurt in a collision between a Pennsylvania railroad train and a street car tonight.

Rev. Mr. Westman Retires

Vancouver, Feb. 24.—Rev. J. P. Westman, pastor of Mount Pleasant Methodist church, announces his retirement from the ministry on account of ill-health.

Railway Commission

Vancouver, Feb. 24.—The railway commision spent today at New Westminster, holding no formal session but looking over the details of requirements of mills and railways.

Prison for Life

Simcoe, Ont., Feb. 24.—Former Chief of Police Maloney was today found guilty of attempting to murder ex-Constable Wilking and was sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary. Maloney is a former army man and served in the South African war.

Bond Government Goes Down

St. John's, Nfd., Feb. 24.—Following the issuance tonight of a proclamation by Governor Macgregor postponing the opening of the legislature from tomorrow to March 4th, Sir Robert Bond, premier, informed his followers that his resignation would be handed in in a day or two. This announcement means that the downfall of the Bond government is at hand, and that the opposition leader, Sir Edward Morris, will be called upon to form an administration.

Death of Admiral Fane.

Halifax, N.S., Feb. 24.—A cable received here today announced the death at Edinburgh of Admiral Sir Charles George Fane, K.C.B., formerly commander of the Newfoundland station and A.D.C. to the late Queen Victoria. Sir Charles retired in 1902. He had Crimean and Turkish medals. He married here in 1875 the youngest daughter of Sir Edward Kenny and sister of the late T. E. Kenny, ex-M.P. Lady Fane and five children survive.

MANITOBA VOTERS' LISTS

Liberal Members Dodge Inquiry—Judges and Hon. Clifford Sifton to Give Evidence

Winnipeg, Feb. 24.—The session of the committee to investigate the Manitoba voters' lists met this morning. A copy of the Manitoba Gazette containing the proclamations as to the compilation of the voters' lists for 1908 was filed with the committee.

A resolution was then passed without dissent instructing that notice to attend before the committee on Friday next, February 26, be issued and served upon the judges who acted as revising officers, and upon Hon. Clifford Sifton, when their evidence as to the lists and the conduct of their compilation could be heard.

The Liberal members of the committee appointed to investigate the charges failed to put in an appearance and will refuse to act.

ESCAPE OF CONVICTS FROM PENITENTIARY

Two Men Get Out and Only One Has So Far Been Recaptured

Vancouver, Feb. 24.—Arthur Shelton, one of two convicts who broke out of the New Westminster penitentiary this morning, was recaptured this afternoon at Port Haney after having walked fifteen miles along the C. P. R. tracks.

The other prisoner, John Labourdette, who was serving the first year of a ten years sentence for many burglaries committed in Vancouver, has not been found.

Shelton was in for three years for burglary. He was a desperate man, and last May made an unsuccessful attempt to escape. Last night Shelton secreted a wrench in his clothes and took it to his cell. He smashed the lock of the cell door, and this morning walked out early, hiding in a passage from the guards.

He and Labourdette together used the wrench to smash the bars off a window, and had ten minutes' start before their escape was noticed.

SEARCH FOR LOST MAN

Another Effort to Be Made to Find the Body of Wm. Johns at Nanoose—Nanaimo Publicity Bureau

Nanaimo, Feb. 24.—Another attempt is to be made to discover some trace of Wm. Johns, the young man who was lost in the woods near Nanoose Bay shortly after New Year's. At the time of his disappearance a large government party scoured the woods for days but without any success. This morning a large party of volunteers left Wellington to look over the ground and if conditions are favorable they will conduct a very thorough and systematic search, beating the woods in every direction where the unfortunate lad disappeared.

The movement for a publicity bureau in Nanaimo is likely to meet with success. At the last meeting of the Citizens' League a committee was appointed to interview the business men of the city with a subscription list to see what funds would be available to open a permanent office for the league in the city, with a paid secretary, whose duties would be the advertisement in every way possible of Nanaimo and district. So far the committee have been greeted with the open pocketbook on every hand, so that the office with a competent secretary in charge and a fund for advertising purposes looks a certainty. It is the intention of the league to conduct the office as a branch of the Vancouver Island Development League.

Vaccination Law in Kingston.

Kingston Ont., Feb. 24.—The local board of health has decided to push the vaccination law to the limit. It will fine those who persist until they comply. Many will leave the city rather than do this, which their consciences disapprove.

Building Blown Down

Preston, Ont., Feb. 24.—The new building, 80x160 feet, being erected by the Preston Car and Coach company, and which had the roof almost completed, was thrown over by the strong wind storm this afternoon.

G. T. P. and Its Men.

Winnipeg, Feb. 24.—The grievance committee of the labor organizations on the G. T. P., which have been in session for several days attempting to adjust differences with the company, has adjourned, and the members went to their respective homes today. The company and the men could not agree on schedules of pay. The grand officers of the orders represented will arrive in Winnipeg on Friday to make a final effort to settle the differences, which are largely on questions of wages

CHANCES OF WAR ARE COUNTED UP

Russia and France Fear Outbreak of Hostilities on the Balkans

OTHERS MORE HOPEFUL

Germany Thinks Influence Should Be Brought to Bear on Servia

London, Feb. 24.—The British government is not so apprehensive regarding the situation in the Balkans as are some of the other governments of Europe, according to despatches received here from various capitals on the continent. The foreign office of course recognizes that an undue prolongation of the tension between Austria-Hungary and Servia is dangerous, but it is hopeful of an early relaxation in the situation. So far as is known here officially, Germany has not taken any action to relieve the situation nor offered her good offices.

France Uneasy.

Paris, Feb. 24.—The attitude assumed by Austria-Hungary and Russia in the difficulty between the former power and Servia is creating considerable uneasiness here. France is anxious to play the role of pacifier, but Germany having declined the French, British and Italian overtures for intervention at Vienna, and suggested intervention at Belgrade, the French government has decided in view of the attitude of Russia to initiate no new action except with the complete approval of Russia and Great Britain.

Russia Pessimistic.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 24.—The pessimism with regard to the Balkan crisis is steadily deepening in diplomatic circles, where it is believed that Austrian action against Servia may be expected within a fortnight unless a solution to the present grave problem is soon arranged. Foreign office officials state that Russia is not disposed to consider an invasion of Servia as a casus belli, but there is fear that the government's hand may be forced by popular feeling. The beginning of hostilities would throw thousands of Russian volunteers into the Servian ranks. The duma leaders who visited the foreign office today expressed themselves as convinced that war is inevitable. Information received today from Kiev indicates that no measures have yet been undertaken on the southwestern frontier, but all applications by officers for leave of absence have been refused, and the Kiev department is ready for mobilization.

Germany Hopeful.

Berlin, Feb. 24.—There is no reason to believe that there will be an outbreak of war between Austria and Servia, according to the view held in the most authoritative circles. The alarmist reports are regarded as being much exaggerated. It is alleged, however, that the situation is not clear and will remain clouded until these powers which like France are striving to maintain peace, make their voices heard at St. Petersburg and induce Russia to notify Belgrade that in the event of war Servia cannot rely upon either direct or indirect support. Whether Russia and the other powers will use their influence in peaceful support of Servia, it is believed, depends to a great extent on their success in bringing the Servians to a calm attitude appropriate to the circumstances. It is not considered likely that Great Britain and Italy would object to intervene at Belgrade, in conjunction with France, in order to preserve peace. The real key of the situation for the moment is Russia, whose decision is eagerly awaited. The Seuddeutsche Reichskorrespondenz, which is considered Chancellor Von Buelow's organ, says: "The Oriental situation is momentarily controlled by the position which the powers have taken. The question is how and when the powers should act so as to prevent an open breach between Vienna and Belgrade. Propositions looking to such action have been made, but success can only be secured if consideration is previously given to the maintenance of good relations between the great powers, that Europe may not be divided into pro-Servian and anti-Servian camps. Happily on the main point no difference exist. The demands of 'Big Servia' for an extension of territory to the Adriatic and autonomy for Bosnia and Herzegovina are impossible of fulfillment without war. Servian statesmen know that. Perhaps they would not be disappointed if as many powers as possible, without threats, pointed out a reasonable solution of the affair, which they could then present to the excited element of Servia. It cannot be stated in advance whether Europe will decide to make such a demonstration."

Reciprocity With West Indies

London, Feb. 24.—It is expected that Hon. Mr. Fielding will be one of the two Canadian members of the royal commission to proceed to the West Indies early in summer to arrange for a reciprocal tariff scheme with Canada and for improved shipping and telegraphic communications.

Return American Silver

Montreal, Feb. 24.—The government will again put into force the regulations to pay Canadian banks three-eighths per cent for return to the United States of all American silver now circulating in the Dominion. This, according to an official of the mint, indicates that the government intends manufacturing the whole of the silver coinage circulating in the Dominion and produce therefrom a valuable source of revenue.

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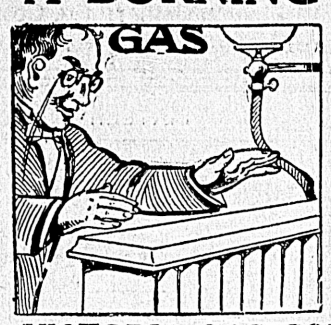

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Fire in Bathurst.

Bathurst, N.B., Feb. 23.—Damage to the extent of $20,000, partly covered by insurance, was done today by a fire that started in the Townsbury company's farming implement premises and spread to S. Holdngrabber's general store and the shop of J. P. McLomney.

Montreal City Council

Montreal, Feb. 23.—A motion to reduce the number of aldermen in the city from two to one representative in each ward was defeated by the council today. Mayor Payette was absent from the council, and the alderman who presided had already voted, so the tie could not be broken. The advocates of reduction will persist in their efforts to secure their end.

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BUDGET DEBATE CLOSED

Afternoon Session of House Yesterday Devoted to Budget Matters

The debate on the budget came to an end at yesterday afternoon's sitting of the legislature. The feature of the close of the debate was an address by H. B. Thomson (Victoria) which was an eloquent plea for the future of the iron industry on Vancouver Island, and for the encouragement of fruit-growing and the preservation of the provincial forests.

An important statement was made yesterday by the minister of finance and agriculture regarding the establishment of an agricultural college in the province. Mr. Tatlow announced, in reply to a statement made by the member for Delta, that such a college would be established in connection with the proposed B. C. university.

The budget debate was opened by H. B. Thomson (Victoria). Mr. Thomson said that after the full exposition of the financial situation of the province as given in the finance minister's speech it was almost unnecessary for a private member to deal with the budget. There were, however, a few details on which he wished to touch.

Fruit Growing Prospects.

He was glad to see that an additional sum was to be voted for the preservation of the fruit trees of the province and to deal with the fruit pests. This step was a very important one at present. It was almost impossible what the fruit production of the state of Oregon would be if that state was as free from fruit pest as British Columbia. The figures issued by the U. S. department of agriculture showed that in the years from 1896 to 1908, in spite of the large acreage of fruit trees planted in the western states, the apple crop of the United States had shown an enormous decrease. In 1896, 69 million barrels of apples were produced; in 1908, 25 million barrels, a decrease in twelve years of 45 million barrels. The reason for this was that the older orchards of the eastern and middle western states were infested with the fruit pest.

"Some of our fruit growers here are afraid that they will not find a market for their fruit," said Mr. Thomson. "These figures will show that there is no need for any such fear. In the United States in 1908, had it not been for the states of Washington and Oregon, there would have been an apple famine, and therefore a large importation from Canada."

He stated that the Victoria Fruit Growers' association was looking farther afield than the markets of the northwest. This year sample shipments of apples were sent to China, Japan and Australia, and large orders were looked for next year. This organization this year shipped $30,000 worth of fruit to the prairies. The association shipped 21,000 boxes of apples, 2,500 boxes of pears, 30,000 crates of strawberries and 31,500 crates of small fruits. In the district surrounding Victoria there was 50,000 acres of land available for fruit raising. All that was now needed was to go ahead and prosecute the industry as vigorously as possible.

The Iron Industry.

The member for Cowichan had in his speech referred to the possibilities of the iron industry on Vancouver Island. Just at present this matter was one of the utmost importance, said Mr. Thomson. In 1907 the premier had outlined the plicy of the government on this question, stating that a tax would be imposed on all iron ores mined in British Columbia, and a heavy bounty would be offered for iron ore smelted in the province.

Vancouver Island was most fortunately situated with regard to its iron deposits. Not alone on the west coast, but on the east coast as well and on Texada island there were vast iron deposits. Already pig iron from Texada island had been used in the construction of several United States battleships, the Nebraska at Seattle, and the Olympia, Monterey, Charleston and Oregon at San Francisco. If the Americans could get iron in their own territory they would not come here for it.

In other respects also Vancouver island had great advantages for the manufacture of pig iron. We can manufacture pig iron here for $12 a ton as against $15 a ton in Tacoma and Seattle, and this does not take account of any Dominion bonus. The main reason for this is the cheap and economical way we can assemble our materials. The island is cut up by waterways and almost all the iron deposits are on water. We have also coal mined here that is not surpassed on the continent. Not only is our coal superior to that used in the state of Washington, but also to the coal used in the Carnegie works in Pittsburg. The Pittsburg coal contains 59.70 per cent. of fixed carbon as against 68.25 in our coal; and its ash is 7.16, as against 5.92 in our coal. The analysis is twenty per cent. in favor of the manufacture of pig iron on Vancouver island.

In 1891 Japan bought three million dollars' worth of pig iron on the Pacific coast, principally at Seattle. In 1901 she bought six millions worth. There was no reason why we should not have large iron works here at an early date. In leaving the subject of iron Mr. Thomson quoted Andrew Carnegie's statement:

"The seat of manufacturing is now, and will continue to be, more and more, simply a question of where the requisite raw materials are found under suitable conditions. Capital and skilled labor have lost the power they once had to attract raw materials. These now attract labor and capital."

The Timber Commission.

Mr. Thomson said that he was pleased that the minister of finance had provided a sum of money for a commission to investigate into the whole question of the lumber business. He quoted the statement made by Mr. Pinchot, head of the U. S. department of forestry, that if the present rate of consumption in that country continued the forests would be depleted in twenty years. The increase of the consumption was going on at an alarming rate and it was possible that this term of years was too short.

The timber at present standing in B. C. was estimated at from eighty to one hundred billion feet. At the present rate of cutting this would be depleted in from 75 to 80 years. As the timber was cut off in the United States more American lumbermen were coming over here. It was easy to see that the timber in B. C. would be cut down in the next fifty years at the least. It was time some steps were taken by the government in the matter.

Mr. Thomson dealt with the question of clearing land for farms on Vancouver island. He suggested a scheme whereby the farmers might club together, as in the case of the creamery business, and borrow money from the government for clearing purposes. The clearing outfit costs from five to six thousand dollars and it would not be a good investment for any one farmer to buy this gear for himself.

"The government of B. C. is only a business proposition," said Mr. Thomson in conclusion, "and comparing the budget of 1903 with that of 1908 it is not to be wondered at that the great majority of the people of the province continue to be satisfied with and to show their confidence in the present administration."

Mr. Oliver (Delta) then came into the debate. He took up the statement made by the member for Cowichan that the province was both "rich and lucky." Starting out with this as his text he proceeded to show wherein the minister of finance had been lucky in his operations.

The minister had congratulated the province on its large surplus. When it was remembered that the revenue of the province had exceeded the estimate of the minister of finance by only 80 per cent., it was easily seen that the minister was lucky.

A Lucky Minister.

Regarding the loan of 1903, the minister had also been lucky. When this ten year loan was mooted the opposition had brought in an amendment to the effect that a three year loan was sufficient. Conditions had changed more rapidly than anybody could anticipate, and within five years the province was able to pay off the loan.

Mr. Oliver drew attention again to the special warrants, by which $360,000 had been spent by the government, without the consent of the people, on development of the province. He said that this development work was for the most part developing opposition to the Liberal party at the last Dominion election. He referred first to the $58,000 expended in Richmond district.

The premier said that this work had been completed long before the Dominion election.

Mr. Oliver said that in November and December last the government had a large force of men and teams on the roads hauling gravel, up to their knees in mud. He said this had not been practising economy. In October, November and December large sums had been spent on roads in Chilliwack, and upwards of $6,000 had been spent on the New Westminster bridge. One item in connection with the bridge was $385 for sand. Not enough ironwork had been cleaned to keep a man painting for twelve hours. Moreover, he said, tolls were still collected on that bridge, although surely the province was now in a position to abolish them.

"These tolls," said Mr. Oliver, "are the greatest bar there is to the settlement and development of the Fraser river district."

The minister of finance had dilated at length on the agricultural conditions of the country. A great deal of money had been spent by the government in inspection of this and that, which could have been expended to better advantage on experimental farms. He charged the minister of finance with refusing to establish these institutions.

Mr. Tatlow here made the announcement that it was the intention of the government to make an agricultural college part of the proposed provincial university.

Mr. Oliver passed again to his own district. There was not, he said, a better agricultural section in any part of B. C. and yet a great deal of the land was in the hands of men who hold large tracts at exorbitant prices. Settlers are charged from fifty to onr hundred dollars an acre for bush land that it requires $150 an acre to clear. Development could not take place as long as these conditions existed and it was the duty of the house to devise a remedy.

Mr. Oliver next attacked the pre-emption record of the government. The conditions under which pre-emption records were granted were not satisfactory. The settlers were frequently the hirelings of the speculator, and there was insufficient inspection. The true index of the amount of land pre-empted and sold was the amount deeded, and not that applied for. During the past year 163,000 acres of land had been deeded to purchasers and only 41,000 acres to pre-emptors. In other words four-fifths had gone to speculators, and he twitted the Conservatives on having recently changed their policy in that respect. It was only when forced to that they had recognized the rights of the settlers.

He renewed the attack on the timber policy of the government, which had been made during the debate on the address, and claimed that they had admitted the failure of their past policies by twice changing it.

"And yet the premier tells us there is no hurry for six, twelve or eighteen months. And all the time out timber is being slaughtered and burnt with forest fires."

An Alarming Situation

The speaker contended that an alarming situation had been created, which even the government had recognized by clapping on a reserve, the wisest thing they had ever done. Nothing had been done since then. A commission was proposed, and an American expert had also been brought in on the fisheries question. The country was tired of American experts, when there were plenty of Canadians just as good. Such a man, too, was likely to be biased in favor of American capital.

He went on to accuse the member for Cowichan for having incorrectly quoted official figures regarding the Dominion receipts and expenditures from B. C. fisheries, winding up by saying that the member for Cowichan should reserve such statements for the Indians on the reserve. Mr. Hayward was not in the House when the bitter attack was made on him, but he stated afterwards that his figures were correct, and had been correctly reported in the press.

Turning to the immigration question Mr. Oliver wanted to know what the attorney-general was going to do about it.

Mr. Bowser—"The Dominion Government has disallowed my bill."

Mr. Oliver suggested that there had been time to get the appeal before the Privy Council before the disallowance, and then made an impassioned plea on behalf of the Hindus. He said that he had seen them herded together in conditions in which the speaker would not keep his pigs, and begged the government to bring down legislation to alleviate those conditions.

He renewed the old tale of persecution of the Fraser River fishermen, and then jumping to the railway situation complained that it cost $5.20 a ton in carload lots to bring potatoes from Delta to Victoria over the Victoria, Terminal & Sydney railway.

The premier remarked that he understood that the mainland portion of that road had been declared for the general benefit of Canada, and so the province had no jurisdiction. However, he would cause enquiry to be made into the matter.

Next going north to Prince Rupert, Mr. Oliver announced that the G. T. P. had got the better of the government at every turn, and then proceeded to dig up the ancient story of the Kaien Island deal as he saw it. He declared that the government had received $10,000 while the G. T. P. had paid $46,000, and he wanted the attorney-general to find out who got the difference. He asserted that every beneficial line of policy adopted by the government had been taken from the Liberals, winding up with a peroration in which he claimed that by giving away concessions to companies and charter hunters the government was sowing seeds of distrust which would lead to a crop of revolution.

Mr. Shatford's Address.

The debate was wound up by L. W. Shatford (Similkameen) who congratulated the finance minister on being able to announce such surpluses year after year. It was a great improvement on the continual deficits of former governments, and in addition there was the splendid record of the reduction of the net debt of the province by some 4½ millions in the past five years. This showing demonstrated that the government had protected the best interests of the province. It was noticeable and a matter for congratulation that this condition had only been reached upon the introduction of party lines and the accession to power of a Conservative government. This administration had ushered in a period of prosperity, and, in a measure at least, was entitled to credit for that prosperity.

In regard to the estimates he was glad to see that a large sum had been set aside for the building of roads and bridges. Representing as he did a mining and agricultural constituency he knew how important they were, though he sometimes thought that only the prospector fully realized what a benefit a good road was to a country which was being opened up. It was a boon to miner and farmer alike and he heartily endorsed the policy of the government in this respect.

Mr. Shatford was also glad to see an increased sum in the estimates on account of horticulture. This was an industry of vast importance and in the Similkameen they had demonstrated that there were thousands of acres of the finest agricultural and horticultural lands anywhere. The growers of Similkameen got the first prizes almost every time they showed their fruit. At New Westminster Mr. Rickett, a pioneer fruit grower, won 14 first and 14 second prizes last year.

They had a wonderful climate, the sole drawback being the lack of transportation and the holding of large blocks of land by individuals. Both these conditions were improving. The Great Northern and C. P. R. were building in, while the land was being generally sold in 10-acre lots with the result that ere long there would be thousands of prosperous families in a district where at one time there had been a few cowboys.

The figures of the mineral output were slightly less this year on account of the fall in the price of metals, but the industry was prosperous. The mining resources of Similkameen were known not only to the house but to the outside world. The Nickle Plate mine, for instance, was one of the richest mines in the province and it would not be long before there were several Nickle Plates recognized in Similkameen. Immense bodies of the finest coal had also been discovered in that favored district and it would not be long before the speaker's constituency was recognized as one of the richest sections of the banner province of Canada.

When the chaplain was about to take his position at the desk when the House opened it was noticed that every seat on the Opposition side was empty. In order to make a showing, Messrs. Thomson (Victoria), Ellison (Okanagan), and Shatford (Similkameen) went across and joined the "enemy" until after devotions.

Private Members' Day

It was private members' day, and a great deal of the afternoon was given up to the consideration of private bills. Several minor measures were advanced a stage apiece.

The minister of finance introduced a bill to amend the Farmers' Institutes and Co-operation act. This is a remodelling of the bill introduced by Mr. Tatlow earlier in the session and withdrawn for correction.

Mr. Oliver (Delta) moved that an humble address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause to be transmitted to the House a copy of the order-in-Council of April 17, 1907, embodying a resolution of this House of the 16th April, 1907, in respect to freight and passenger rates charged on railways in British Columbia.

In moving this resolution, Mr. Oliver charged the government with delay. The premier stated that A. P. Luxton, K.C., Victoria, had been retained as counsel for the purpose of attending the sessions here of the railway commission and stating the case of the people.

The premier moved "that on Monday, March 1, and on all following days to the close of the session, there shall be two distinct sittings each day, one from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and the other from 8 p.m. until adjournment, unless otherwise ordered."

Mr. Henderson (Yale) wished it to be distinctly understood that in the case of night sittings the Opposition members were not to be held up on account of notices.

Mr. Oliver said that sittings as late as that of Tuesday night were not in the interests of the legislature, when there were committee meetings to be attended in the morning. He said that 10.30 p.m. should be set as the limit of the night sitting.

The Price of Coal

Then, for the third time this session, the price of coal came up in the House. Mr. Oliver moved the following resolution:

Whereas, it would appear that the cost of coal to the consumer in the province of British Columbia is out of all proportion to the cost of production; and

Whereas, owing to the abundance of the coal deposits in this province and the proximity of the sources of supply to the market, the cost of coal to the consumer in British Columbia should be much less than at present is the case; and

Whereas the excessive price of coal in British Columbia has the effect of retarding and preventing the establishment in this province of industries depending upon a fuel supply; and

Whereas much of the product of the coal mines of the province is being exported to foreign markets and sold at a price that enables it to compete with coal from other countries and foreign markets; and

Whereas a belief exists that an understanding exists between the persons or corporations controlling or owning such coal mines to maintain the high prices now being charged to consumers in this province;

Therefore, be it resolved, that an humble address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor by this House praying him to appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into the following questions:

1. Whether or not a combine or understanding exists amongst the coal producers, or any of them, of this province to establish and maintain prices charged for coal.

2. Whether or not coal is being sold by producers, or any of them, for consumption outside British Columbia for a less price than that sold for consumption in the province.

3. Whether or not the prices charged by the producers, or any of them, for coal consumed in British Columbia is excessive.

4. Whether or not the prices charged by the producers, or any of them, of coal in British Columbia bears a reasonable proportion to the cost of production.

A year ago, Mr. Oliver said, this matter had been brought up in the House, and had been relegated to the department of trade and commerce at Ottawa. The aim of the resolution was to have the matter taken up by a commission which could get information on the matter at first hand.

Mr. McBride said that the government was equally anxious to see what practical and effective measures could be taken to secure to the people of the province a coal supply at more reasonable rates. The member for Delta had, however, taken the wrong routine for the solution of the question. The best way was to secure an investigation by the Dominion government, which might go as far as Alberta, and perhaps some of the other provinces. The premier further remarked that as the motion was one that would involve the expenditure of money, the member for Delta was out of order in submitting it.

Mr. Oliver entered upon a recital of previous instances in which private members had moved for the appointment of Royal Commissions, but the Speaker declared that the point of order was well taken.

Mr. Macdonald (Rossland) said that the House might appoint a select committee, and he did not see any real distinction.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite said that if the point of order was sustained the House would be deprived of the power to make a public investigation.

On motion of Mr. Oliver the debate was adjourned.

The bill to incorporate Westminster Hall was reported.

The bill to incorporate the Port Simpson and Prince Rupert railway passed the committee stage without amendment.

The bill to incorporate the Graham Island railway passed committee.

The bill to amend the Vancouver Incorporation act, 1900, passed second reading.

THE CONGO COUNCIL

Permits Employment of Blacks By Private Companies

Brussels, Feb. 23.—The Colonial Council for the Congo held a meeting recently, and according to an official communique, approved by eleven votes against two a degree providing for the employment of black laborers by private companies.

The sitting of the council was secret, and as the communique was not clear inquiry was made and it was found that a councillor had protested against the decree, which is illegal, as it compels natives to work for private companies, while the Colonial Law prohibits this.

It is strange that important sittings of the council should be held in camera. The mystery which surrounds the politics of the former Congo State is being continued by the Colonial Administration.

This is a test case and shows that the Colonial Council can be counted upon to uphold the practice of forced labor levies for "public works" despite the vigorous protests of a considerable section of the Chamber. It is significant, however, that a majority of the Colonial Council is nominated by the King in person.

Fighting White Plague.

St. John, N.B., Feb. 23.—The society for the prevention of tuberculosis in New Brunswick was organized at a public meeting in the opera house here tonight. Dr. Thomas Walker was elected president.

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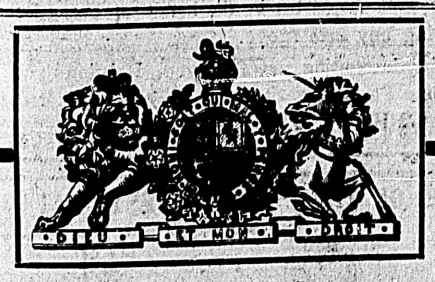
Stevenson is Back.

Thomas Stevenson who left the staff of the Dominion hotel some years ago to take over the Winter's hotel in Vancouver, has sold out his interests in the latter and will assume the management of Stephen Jones' house in this city forthwith. Before leaving the Terminal City a number of Mr. Stevenson's friends gave evidence of their regret at his determination to return here by presenting him with a handsome jeweled locket and an address expressing their sentiments. While he will be missed on the mainland he will be most heartily welcomed back to Victoria, as many of his acquaintances took occasion to state immediately his familiar figure was noticed yesterday on the streets. He arrived from Vancouver by way of Seattle. It is his intention to "get back into harness" without delay.

Three hundred thousand concrete cross ties have been ordered for the Italian state railways.

It is said that there are 13 organizations advocating woman suffrage in the little kingdom of Belgium.



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The eleventh annual convention of the Provincial Farmers' Institute opened yesterday morning in the parliament buildings, R. M. Palmer, deputy minister of agriculture in the chair. The following delegates were present: John Dilworth, Osoyoos; Thomas Corbett, Coquitlam; J. C. Harris, Arrow and Slocan; V. D. Curry, Kamloops; James Rook, Kettle Valley; H. H. Mathews, Nicola; R. Carter, Comox; D. Mathewson, Spallumcheen; George Heatherbell, Metchosin; W. H. Stewart, Shawnigan; A. K. Farquharson, C. Park; James Murray, West Kootenay; H. R. Phillips, Matsqui; R. Gillespie, Okanagan; F. Cowley, Alberni; J. B. Sylvester, Bella Coola; J. Handle, Nanaimo and Cedar; W. T. Abbott, Mission; W. J. Harris, Maple Ridge; J. Bailey, Chilliwack; J. T. Collins, Salt Spring; H. Harris, Langley; R. Gillespie, Vernon; J. Whelpton, Kent; A. Goldsmith, Kootenay Lake; W. G. Way, Sooke; A. Dinsmore, Surrey Centre; W. J. Hamilton, Cranbrook; James Cook, Creston; James Rooke, Grand Forks; D. Mathewson, Spallumcheen; J. Kerr Wilson, Delta; F. G. Quick, Victoria.

Superintendent's Address.

R. M. Palmer, the superintendent of Farmers' Institutes, delivered the following address:

The institute work for the past year has been satisfactory. The membership has steadily increased from 2,900 in 1907, to 3,250 in 1908. The number of institutes has been added to by four, giving a total of 35, with membership as follows:

Spallumcheen, 288 members; Central Park, 208; Okanagan, 203; Victoria, 183; Nanaimo-Cedar, 146; Salmon Arm, 131; Osoyoos, 122; Cowichan, 120; West Kootenay, 114; Delta, 108; Richmond, 104; Kootenay Lake, 98; Surrey, 94; Kamloops, 92; Maple Ridge, 88; Cranbrook-Fernie, 88; Matsqui, 87; North Vancouver, 82; Sooke, 80; Bella Coola, 77; Metchosin, 72; Comox, 68; Kettle Valley, 68; Islands, 65; Shawnigan, 64; Kent, 61; Langley, 59; Chilliwack, 58; Mission, 53; East Kootenay, 44; Alberni, 42; Nicola, 31.

Annual reports have been received from secretaries of all institutes excepting Bella Coola, Richmond, Maple Ridge and Shawnigan.

Distribution of literature has been maintained, and the records of the department show that upwards of 26,000 bulletins and reports were sent out during the year, mainly to institute members. A larger number of supplementary meetings have been held than during the previous year, and the lecturers for these have principally been arranged for by local institute officials.

There is a growing tendency to make Farmers' Institutes something more than organizations for the purpose of hearing lecturers sent out by the department. This I trust will proceed until the various institutes become fully representative of the best thought and agricultural practice in their respective districts.

I regret to state that transcripts of only a small percentage of the addresses delivered at institute meetings are forwarded to the department. It is expected that in future institute secretaries will comply with the requirements of the act in this respect, and send transcripts of at least two addresses delivered during the year in each case. It is also to be regretted that in some institute districts no supplementary meetings have been held. This also is in disregard to the requirements of the act, and will, I trust, receive attention.

The duties which devolve upon institute secretaries were dealt with fully in the report of the late superintendent recently published and distributed. I desire to add that institute directors are expected to give the secretaries every assistance possible; this specially necessary in districts where the members are scattered over large areas.

The department has experienced difficulty, as in former years, in securing the services of thoroughly competent men for lecturing and practical demonstration work. This, it is hoped to overcome, at least in part, by the increases made, and to be made, to the permanent staff of the agricultural department. It is planned to largely increase demonstration work in connection with the fruit industry, including pruning, spraying, fruit grading and packing, stock judging classes and demonstrations. It is also hoped to secure the services of experts on irrigation and the raising of crops on irrigated lands.

It is desired that the present meeting will, in conformity with the spirit of the act constituting it, consider carefully methods for improving and developing Farmers' Institute work generally. It is confidently expected that its deliberations will result in promoting agricultural interests throughout the province, and guide the department in institute work particularly.

In conclusion, it is largely due to the efforts of the secretaries and directors that the work for the past year has been so successful as a whole, and it is my privilege to express the thanks of the department for their efficient work, and to congratulate the successful institutes on their standing

The Premier.

Hon. Mr. McBride said: This will make perhaps the fourth or fifth occasion upon which I have had the privilege and pleasure of saying a word of greeting to the members of the Central Farmers' Institute of British Columbia through the kindness of their chairman. I do not hesitate to say that I have always esteemed it a great favor that you have been pleased to honor me with such an invitation. Of late you will have observed that the department of agriculture, presided over by Captain Tatlow, has devoted a great deal of time and attention to the up-building of farmers institutes. It has been readily demonstrated to the department that a good deal of aid could be rendered to the province of B. C. through your institute and already results that have come about from representations that have been made to the government have been most gratifying. The minister will today introduce a bill which has a great bearing on your organization, and this goes to prove the great interest he takes in your institute. Now, gentlemen, you are not here to listen to a prolonged address. You are here to transact affairs of paramount importance to the province of B. C. and I trust that the same tolerance will be shown and the same good feeling and moral confidence as have always been shown in the past. We may congratulate ourselves on the presence of Mr. Hodson, who is an expert in the art of dairy farming and who, we hope, will stimulate the growth of this industry in this province, and put British Columbia on a par with the other provinces of the Dominion. I might digress a moment to make an observation. I am, I must say, most grateful to have had the assistance of such a colleague as the minister of agriculture and finance and you must agree with me that as far as the present minister is concerned we have never in the history of this association had a man so thoroughly interested, so in earnest and so practical as Captain Tatlow. (Applause.) If I may say so, I am afraid that sometimes he is more of a farmer than a politician. No man has a stronger desire to help the farmers in every way than my colleague. I may also congratulate you and myself on having the assistance of the officials of the agricultural department. Mr. Palmer has the confidence of the government and in the conduct of their business he and his staff spare no effort. We try to meet the people of B. C. in their wishes and do everything in our power to further their ends. I thank you again for your presence here and hope that your deliberations may be profitable to the province and yourselves. (Applause.)

Minister Tatlow.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow: I have great pleasure in welcoming you all again to Victoria and am especially glad to see such a representative gathering. In the resolutions you passed last year you asked me to have the annual meeting called earlier. For many reasons this was impossible. We wished to reorganize the whole department. There were a great many changes to be made and it was no use your meeting until this was done. Then, Mr. Palmer and myself were in England, and have only returned recently. The re-organization of this department has been in view for some time. We propose to do what we are trying to do in all departments and that is to create departments within departments. These are all presided over by the minister of the department. For instance, live stock and dairy interests come under two separate heads. We will endeavor to have an experienced man at the head of each department. These men will go through the country and give advice and information to farmers. This briefly shows the line I propose to take and we have been very fully occupied with this since our return from England, so it was impossible to call the meeting earlier. In the future you will be asked to meet together as soon as possible after the opening of the session. I will not make any further remarks just now as it is customary to give an address at the close of the meeting, when I take up the resolutions passed. I can only say that speaking for the premier and myself that our heart is in the work we have before us. And we wish to give you all the assistance in our power. I have not had the practical experience I should wish to have but I take a great interest in the work and I have good men to assist me who will show that this department will take as large a place in the affairs of this province as any of the other departments. (Cheers.)

Mr. Thomas Cunningham spoke briefly upon tree spraying and cognate subjects.

A committee upon resolutions, Messrs. Collins, Dilworth and Corbett, was appointed and the convention adjourned for lunch.

Afternoon Session.

J. C. Collins, on behalf of the committee on resolutions, reported against the suggestion to the government on the part of this convention re the engagement of an authority upon the great subject of irrigation, and in favor of the consideration of certain other propositions.

V. D. Curry, of Kamloops, observed that perhaps no one in the room was better acquainted than the chairman with the imperative necessity for careful education being given upon the vital subject of irrigation, as the dry belt, which formed the very heart of the most splendid portions of this province was at the present time barren, and merely in consequence of the deplorable lack of instruction in reference to some intelligent system of irrigation, while he rather strongly criticized the value of much of the information which was received by British Columbia farmers, and particularly those who lived in the interior, from eastern speakers, who were ignorant of local conditions.

Aid to Farmers.

Mr. Corbett stated that they had waited upon the Hon. Mr. Tatlow and represented that owing to the fact in the case not only of the older but also of the newer settlers, of the expensiveness and tediousness of preparing a piece of bushland for cultivation, the government in addition to the supply of stumping powder at reduced rates, should grant a bonus of say $1 a box, and for these reasons, that wholly apart from this saving in the expense, settlers would be materially encouraged by the knowledge that the government was aiding them to overcome their serious and peculiar difficulties. The government would be directly benefited through the receipt of a quicker return in the shape of taxation from the land, which would be earlier brought under cultivation. Mr. Tatlow had thanked them for bringing this matter before him, owing to the circumstance that he had already been considering a slight reduction in the rate of provincial taxation, and had enquired of them whether in their opinion an allowance upon stumping powder would be more popular than such a reduction in taxation. Two of the three members of the committee had most emphatically decided in favor of the bounty upon stumping powder.

Upon motion of Mr. Corbett, seconded by Mr. Phillips, it was resolved to re-affirm the following resolution, which was passed upon this subject last year:

"That in view of the great difficulty and expense connected with the clearing of land in British Columbia, the government be asked to seriously consider the advisability of still further cheapening the cost of stumping powder to farmers, either by a system of rebates, or otherwise, as may be deemed advisable."

Rates on Explosives.

Mr. Palmer remarked that since it had become known that the old double first class rate upon stumping powder was re-established the matter had been taken up by the department with the C.P.R., and he had just received a telegram from Mr. Marpole, conveying the information that Messrs. Peters and Lanigan, C.P.R. officials, would be in Victoria on Monday and Tuesday next, when this subject could be considered, and hence it would be perceived that the department was doing its best to secure the restoration of the old special rate.

Mr. Harris stated that the farmers in Matsqui were obtaining supplies from the Hamilton Powder company at such a low figure that they were able to sell fuse at 50 cents per 100 feet and caps at 65 cents per box, which was one-half of the ordinary prices.

Bounty on Coyotes.

Mr. Dilworth, of Kelowna, strongly urged the increase of the bounty upon coyotes to $3 per scalp, owing to the destructiveness of these animals among fowl and sheep, as the present bounty was not quite high enough to encourage young men to hunt out and destroy these pests.

Upon motion of the resolution committee it was resolved that this bounty should be increased to $3 per head.

G. Mathewson, of Okanagan, stated that he lost yearly through coyotes from 100 to 150 chickens, while he was prevented through the same cause from going into sheep, which was perhaps the most profitable industry in the country. Grouse, quail, and prairie chickens were also destroyed, and even in the interests of game preservation it would pay the government to raise this particular bounty to $5 a head.

Mr. Palmer—I may say for the information of the convention that during the year the government has paid out $12,573 in bounties upon wolves, panthers and coyotes.

Upon motion of Mr. Heatherbell, of Metchosin, the government was cordially thanked for the increase of the bounty upon wolves from $7.50 to $15.

Noxious Weeds

Very strong complaint was made that the Canadian thistle pest was made much more prevalent owing to the unrestrained presence of thistles upon Indian reserves, while it was urged that the strict enforcement of the law should be placed directly in charge of the provincial constables.

Upon motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Mathewson, it was resolved that the government be requested to secure the stricter enforcement of the Thistle Act.

Mr. Palmer observed that the department should be kept informed in respect to the non-enforcement of the Noxious Weeds Act in the different parts of the province where this particular pest existed, and especially in the case of unorganized districts.

Mr. Collins brought up the question of the adulteration and the inspection of mill feeds, while Mr. Palmer suggested that the adulteration of foods properly came under the operation of the Dominion authorities.

Mr. Collins remarked that the farmers of the province were being flooded with weed seeds of all kinds through the agency of mill feeds, and in one instance he had in this way discovered three perfectly new weed seeds, although he found that these weeds were abundantly common throughout the east. As it was almost impossible at the present time to purchase really good and pure mill feeds the importance of the question was undeniable.

Mr. Corbett said that the adulteration of these feeds had at the present time become so very extensive that it was almost impossible for any individual to take the matter up with any real chance for success, and the time had certainly arrived when the government should instruct their inspectors to include among their duties the inspection of cattle foods.

Mr. Harris—As we have become tired of buying inferior bran, shorts, and other foodstuffs, we have decided at Matsqui to grind them ourselves. We buy the grain for $23, $25 or $27, and by co-operating and by using a chopping mill we prepare our own feeds. Mr. Harris made the further astonishing statement that 16,000 weed seeds had been counted in a single pound of mill feed.

Upon motion of Thos. Corbett, seconded by Mr. Collins, the government was urged to take up the inspection of cattle feeds, either at the mills or at the wholesale houses.

Domestic Science

Mr. Heatherbell, seconded by Mr. Corbett, moved that the government be requested to make every effort to secure lady speakers for attendance at their meetings, in order that questions connected with domestic science might be adequately discussed. The mover of this resolution commented upon the manifest importance of maintaining happiness and comfort in the home through improvement in cookery, as well as in other departments of domestic economy. For if people were happy in their homes, he argued, they would also be happier in their outside relations, while they would also do much better work.

Mr. Corbett remarked that the attendance was vastly improved when addresses were delivered by ladies.

Mr. Harris stated that the addresses by Miss Rose and Miss Maddock had been greatly appreciated at Matsqui, and their meetings had been changed into social gatherings.

R. W. Hodson urged that the meetings of men and of women should be kept separate. It had been found in Ontario that much more good resulted from practical demonstrations of the work which ought to be done than from the delivery of mere lectures, no matter how learned these were.

Mr. Palmer added that the Institutes themselves should assist the department in promoting this improvement, and was further of the opinion that institute work could be better done during the summer months. The object of the department was to use local men at these meetings as far as this was possible. The motion was unanimously carried.

Tree Sprays

Mr. Heatherbell, seconded by Mr. May, moved that the quality of the tree sprays which were upon the market should be brought within the duties of the government inspectors.

Mr. Heatherbell maintained that something should certainly be done in the way of improving the quality of the tree sprays which were upon the market for sale, and held that the growth of good fruit unquestionably meant the careful spraying of the trees.

Mr. May contended for the analysis of these sprays by government officials.

Mr. Curry declared that the two best sprays were beyond all question (1) the line, sulphur and salt, and (2)

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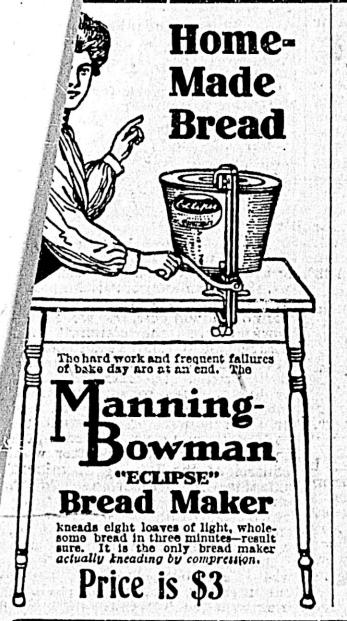

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and, secondly, are there any advantages possessed by the Esquimalt company's offer, which render it desirable for the city to accept it rather than put in a new plant, even if the cost of the water under the latter would be no more or even slightly less than under four cents.

In considering this question it is well to take into account that the company's offer carries with it the right on the part of the city to purchase the plant, and therefore the acquisition by the city of the exclusive right of supplying water to the whole area between Esquimalt and Cadboro Bay, an element of the case, which we look upon as important. In view of the certain growth of Victoria it seems to us in every way desirable that the water supply of this, and even of a wider area should be vested in one body. This is a feature, which the City Council, looking to the future, would do well to take very seriously into account. By accepting the offer the city does not bind itself to purchase the property, but it will prevent the company from ever raising the price of the property, no matter how valuable it may become during the term of the agreement. We think this feature of the offer also ought not to be left out of consideration. Another aspect of the case is whether or not it is desirable for the city at present to embark in the costly enterprise involved in the installation of a new water system. We can get all we want for a long time to come from the Water Works company, and we can buy the company out at any time we get tired of paying for water by the gallon at a price fixed now, when the company's plant is not as valuable as it may be by and bye. We suppose it is true that the company expects to make something out of sale of the water, but no one will raise this as a valid objection. We would like to be told if there is any weak point in the following proposition:

It is estimated that it will cost the city $1,500,000 to lay a pipe to Sooke Lake to deliver 5,000,000 gallons daily. Interest, sinking fund and charges of management on such a plant would amount to about $80,000 a year, which sum would make the water cost the city somewhat over 4 cents a thousand gallons, and the charge would be permanent even if the city only used 2,000,000 or less. If a daily supply of 5,000,000 gallons was not adequate another pipe would have to be laid, and then the city would have a daily supply of 10,000,000 gallons at a principal cost of $3,000,000 involving an annual charge of $160,000, whether all the water is used or not. If more than 10,000,000 gallons daily were needed, the city would have to lay another pipe at a cost of $1,500,000, that is for a daily supply of 15,000,000 gallons the city would have $4,500,000 invested occasioning an annual charge of $240,-

himself claims, only a plain business man, he bearded all and several the lawyer members in the House and told them that they were too many and had too much to say, and then he proceeded to say a few things himself, which show that a man need not be a lawyer to have a mighty good grasp of public questions and know how to express himself upon them. Now before passing on to say anything about lawyers and men in general, we have just a word for Mr. Macgowan in particular, and it is that he ought to shatter the silence of the legislative chamber more frequently, for, speaking in all seriousness, he is a member who is able to contribute much of value to the discussion of public questions. His speech in the Budget debate on Tuesday, was full of good matter. But as to lawyers. The tendency of members of the legal profession to drift into politics is world-wide, and there is no doubt that a legal training is invaluable to a man who intends to make politics his career. The practicing lawyer is not usually a success as a politician. He can never quite get away from the idea that he holds a brief for a particular case, and he is apt to aim rather at making his own position strong, than at getting at the very right of a matter. Great lawyers have rarely made great statesmen or even great politicians, although we often see men, winning laurels in the political arena, who might have achieved fame if they had confined themselves to their professions. A legislature without lawyers would be productive of mischief, unless it employed lawyers to supervise every legislative act. We often hear people complain that the laws are not drawn so that every one can understand them, but the experience of every one, who has had an opportunity of judging, is that more difficulty arises out of so-called "plain" enactments than any others. A layman may draw up a section, which is perfectly intelligible to him, but the next man who reads it may have some doubt as to just what is meant. Once a certain person consolidated the statutes of an eastern province, and he sought to state them in plain, popular language. One day after the full court and two or three counsel had endeavored to find out what one of these simple sections meant, the Chief Justice remarked: "The legislature ought to have bound Mr. —— (meaning the Commissioner who had done the consolidating) up with this volume, so he could tell us what he meant." We very much fear that if some of our non-professional friends could have their own way about draughting statutes, the same necessity might be experienced.

But while lawyers may have their uses, and in the mysterious plans of an inscrutable providence doubtless play some valuable service in this vale of tears, we do not hear half enough from the business men, and if gentlemen like Mr. Macgowan, who have good ideas and know how to express them, fall short of their duty in

What reason is there for supposing that any other group of gentlemen, equally honest, could reach a wiser conclusion? We think the government did perfectly right in declining to allow the amendment to pass. We can imagine what Sir Wilfrid Laurier would say if Mr. Borden should move that some administrative act, which his government had sanctioned and crystallized into a Bill submitted to parliament, should be opened up for discussion by a committee of the House. Mr. Borden would have a better appreciation of parliamentary government than to suggest such a thing, and if he did, Sir Wilfrid would reject the proposal without hesitation. We suppose that the purpose of the Opposition has been gained. They have gone on record against the government's plan, and that is all they expected to do. When the election comes round and there are some people, who think the company has got more than it ought to, the Opposition can appeal to them on the strength of this vote. If no one complains, the matter can be conveniently forgotten.

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The announcement that the Federal government has decided upon making a large appropriation for the work of improving the inner harbor is very satisfactory. Such expenditure was imperative in view of the rapid increase of the shipping of this port. But it would be a mistake if we were to relax our efforts to secure the inauguration of some comprehensive scheme for the general improvement of the harbor on a scale much in excess of present plans.

Montreal and Toronto have taken the brandy chocolate scare very seriously and there have been a large number of convictions. This is likely to create an uneasy feeling in the rest of the Dominion, particularly when we are told that some of the defendants are among the leading confectioners. It on the same scale and in the same way as is the case in respect to Prince Rupert.

The sportsmen of America, and, indeed, of the world, are under a great obligation to Dr. W. T. Hornaby, director of the New York zoological park, for in season and out he is indefatigable in his efforts to conserve the big game of the country. The Doctor's interest in this question does not halt at the boundary line either, for, as is well known, he takes the liveliest interest in conditions, from a sportsman's standpoint, which prevail in British Columbia and the Yukon. Speaking at Washington on Friday last Dr. Hornaby made the rather startling prediction that unless some effective drastic measures be taken, only a few years hence will see the last of the wild game of North America. This, from a gentleman who knows what he is talking about, is not pleasant reading, and it should act as a spur to those in this province, which is so largely interested in the question, who are endeavoring to conserve the big game of the country.

Strange as it may seem, it is undeniable that the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway will have an important bearing upon the mineral industry of Canada in another way from that of furnishing additional transportation facilities to the various mining camps. In more than one instance already the surveyors for the line have discovered, quite by accident, rich mineral bodies, and it is now officially announced from the head office of the company in Montreal that valuable deposits of gold have been located in the neighborhood of Sturgeon Lake, which is reached through Wake station, 160 miles west of Fort William. The enterprise is thus in a sense performing the work of the prospector in hitherto inaccessible districts, and we anticipate announcements of numerous discoveries of valuable minerals when the work of constructing the line through British Columbia is in active progress.

Nearly fifty years ago, Reverend George Hills, D.D., the first Bishop of British Columbia, in a letter to friends in England, said: "Victoria must be, I think, the most beautifully situated place in the world. I never saw anything before like it. In the summer it must be exquisite." It is very interesting to read today this opinion uttered so long ago, which coincides too well with the views of so many widely-travelled persons who visit Victoria now. It may, however, be a debatable point whether Victoria fifty years ago may not have, in its virgin state, presented a more attractive appearance than it does today with the many "improvements" which have been instituted. Still, it is a rather remarkable thing that all commentators, from those who saw it before it hardly had a place on the map, down to the present, agree that its situation, climate and general attractiveness are unexcelled anywhere in the world.

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THE COST OF WATER

Our information is that at a meeting of the Municipalities Committee of the Legislature, when the supply of Oak Bay by the city was discussed, Mr. Bodwell, acting for Oak Bay, said that a precedent for the price to be charged for water was established by the law requiring the Esquimalt Water Works company to deliver water to Victoria at six cents per thousand gallons, whereupon Mr. Raymur, the Water Commissioner, said that the water cost Victoria fourteen cents. Mr. Raymur can hardly have included in his estimate of cost that involved in distribution, for he was speaking of delivering water to Oak Bay in bulk, but whatever he included, Mr. Lubbe's offer for his company is ten cents a thousand gallons less. If Mr. Raymur meant that the water delivered to the consumers costs fourteen cents, there is yet a margin of ten cents between what it would cost delivered at the city limits by the company and what it now costs the city to deliver it to consumers. This statement of Mr. Raymur's as to the cost bears out the position taken by the Colonist yesterday that, under any system, the city buys water and sells it again. But we concede that this margin of ten cents does not dispose of the whole question. It is an important factor in it and has the advantage of being a definite factor upon which to proceed to examine into the relative merits of the Esquimalt proposal and other proposals. The actual question to be considered seems to us to be two-fold and in both its aspects to relate to the cost of the water delivered into the city's distribution system. These aspects are: Can the city deliver water from a new source of supply into its distribution system at a less average cost than four cents a thousand gallons, and, secondly, are there any advantages possessed by the Esquimalt company's offer, which render it desirable for the city to accept it rather than put in a new plant, even if the cost of the water under the latter would be no more or even slightly less than under four cents.

In considering this question it is well to take into account that the company's offer carries with it the right on the part of the city to purchase the plant, and therefore the acquisition by the city of the exclusive right of supplying water to the whole area between Esquimalt and Cadboro Bay, an element of the case, which we look upon as important. In view of the certain growth of Victoria it seems to us in every way desirable that the water supply of this, and even of a wider area should be vested in one body. This is a feature, which the City Council, looking to the future, would do well to take very seriously into account. By accepting the offer the city does not bind itself to purchase the property, but it will prevent the company from ever raising the price of the property, no matter how valuable it may become during the term of the agreement. We think this feature of the offer also ought not to be left out of consideration. Another aspect of the case is whether or not it is desirable for the city at present to embark in the costly enterprise involved in the installation of a new water system. We can get all we want for a long time to come from the Water Works company, and we can buy the company out at any time we get tired of paying for water by the gallon at a price fixed now, when the company's plant is not as valuable as it may be by and bye. We suppose it is true that the company expects to make something out of sale of the water, but no one will raise this as a valid objection. We would like to be told if there is any weak point in the following proposition:

It is estimated that it will cost the city $1,500,000 to lay a pipe to Sooke Lake to deliver 5,000,000 gallons daily. Interest, sinking fund and charges of management on such a plant would amount to about $80,000 a year, which sum would make the water cost the city somewhat over 4 cents a thousand gallons, and the charge would be permanent even if the city only used 2,000,000 or less. If a daily supply of 5,000,000 gallons was not adequate another pipe would have to be laid, and then the city would have a daily supply of 10,000,000 gallons at a principal cost of $3,000,000 involving an annual charge of $160,000, whether all the water is used or not. If more than 10,000,000 gallons daily were needed, the city would have to lay another pipe at a cost of $1,500,000, that is for a daily supply of 15,000,000 gallons the city would have $4,500,000 invested occasioning an annual charge of $240,000. But if the company's offer is accepted and the city wished at any time it could buy the company's property, with the water brought into the city and all its present distribution system west of Victoria Arm for $1,850,000, and receive therefrom the needed 15,000,000 gallons a day if it were wanted, and have meanwhile the additional revenue derived from the sales of water, which the company now makes to the Electric Railway company and to other consumers of water. If this is the case, or if the case is anything like this, it seems as if it would be good business policy to accept the company's offer. We are open to conviction in the other direction, but certainly as the case presents itself to us, the company's offer is one that ought not to be rejected without the most careful consideration.

THE B. C. ELECTRIC

We print this morning a statement given out by Mr. A. T. Goward, the local Manager of the B. C. Electric Railway Company, Ltd. In view of the reports that have been in circulation, it will be highly satisfactory to every one that Mr. Goward has been authorized by his company to make such an announcement. Lovers of gossip have magnified the reports of irregularities in the affairs of the company here to such an extent that all manner of serious disclosures were looked for, but we are sure there will be much pleasure felt by all who know the young men, whose names are mentioned in Mr. Goward's statement, that the matter after all is only an irregularity involving no considerable sum of money and nothing like criminal intent. In expressing our pleasure that what threatened to be a serious cloud over the reputations of these young men has been dissipated, we know that we speak for the whole community.

It is fitting in this connection to say, a few words of Mr. A. T. Goward, who has had cast upon him the obligation of making public this statement, which must have been a painful thing, even although it relieves those mentioned in it of any wrong either to the company or against the public law. Mr. Goward has almost grown up in this community. He is yet a young man, and has been in the employ of the company and its predecessor for twenty years, rising by his merits from the position of conductor to his present responsible post. In his career he has made many friends and gained public esteem and confidence to an unusual degree.

LAWYERS AND OTHERS.

Like Ajax of old, Mr. Macgowan, M.P.P. for Vancouver, has defied the lightning and still lives. Being, as he himself claims, only a plain business man, he bearded all and several the lawyer members in the House and told them that they were too many and had too much to say, and then he proceeded to say a few things himself, which show that a man need not be a lawyer to have a mighty good grasp of public questions and know how to express himself upon them. Now before passing on to say anything about lawyers and men in general, we have just a word for Mr. Macgowan in particular, and it is that he ought to shatter the silence of the legislative chamber more frequently, for, speaking in all seriousness, he is a member who is able to contribute much of value to the discussion of public questions. His speech in the Budget debate on Tuesday was full of good matter. But as to lawyers. The tendency of members of the legal profession to drift into politics is world-wide, and there is no doubt that a legal training is invaluable to a man who intends to make politics his career. The practicing lawyer is not usually a success as a politician. He can never quite get away from the idea that he holds a brief for a particular case, and he is apt to aim rather at making his own position strong, than at getting at the very right of a matter. Great lawyers have rarely made great statesmen or even great politicians, although we often see men, winning laurels in the political arena, who might have achieved fame if they had confined themselves to their professions. A legislature without lawyers would be productive of mischief, unless it employed lawyers to supervise every legislative act. We often hear people complain that the laws are not drawn so that every one can understand them, but the experience of every one, who has had an opportunity of judging, is that more difficulty arises out of so-called "plain" enactments than any others. A layman may draw up a section, which is perfectly intelligible to him, but the next man who reads it may have some doubt as to just what is meant. Once a certain person consolidated the statutes of an eastern province, and he sought to state them in plain, popular language. One day after the full court and two or three counsel had endeavored to find out what one of these simple sections meant, the Chief Justice remarked: "The legislature ought to have bound Mr. —— (meaning the Commissioner who had done the consolidating) up with this volume, so he could tell us what he meant." We very much fear that if some of our non-professional friends could have their own way about draughting statutes, the same necessity might be experienced.

But while lawyers may have their uses, and in the mysterious plans of an inscrutable providence doubtless play some valuable service in this vale of tears, we do not hear half enough from the business men, and if gentlemen like Mr. Macgowan, who have good ideas and know how to express them, fall short of their duty in that regard, somebody ought to go after them with a club, so to speak. Of course even a man, who is not a lawyer may be guilty of talking too much. There is a tradition that such persons have at times found seats in the legislature. Perish the thought that there are any such people there now. We wish you to distinctly understand that we have not in mind the gentleman of whom you are thinking. And yet, as we said on a former occasion, the fault with the British Columbia legislature is not that it talks too much, but that it talks too little. Certainly the members say quite enough about each other, rather too much indeed, but principles and measures are not discussed as much as they ought to be, and there is a regrettable shortness of speaking in regard to those things which pertain to the development of the country.

THE PRINCE RUPERT BILL

The proposal of the Opposition that the government should delegate to a committee the agreement between the province and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company in regard to Prince Rupert was one that no government could think of accepting, for to do so would be to abrogate one of the functions of ministerial responsibility. If the ministry of the day cannot be trusted to prepare an agreement for the Crown, it has no business to be a ministry. If the motion for a committee had carried, the government would have been obliged to resign, and if Mr. Macdonald had been called upon to form a new ministry, he would have been obliged to take the responsibility of any contract with the company, no matter if fifty committees reported upon it. If he would not be prepared to do this, he would not be fit for the premiership, and we would be sorry to suggest anything of that kind, although his prospects of filling that honorable post for some time to come may not be conspicuously bright. We think Mr. Macdonald, as a political leader, who may have a future if he stays in public life, established an awkward precedent when he moved such an amendment.

The proposed committee would be a poor expedient under any circumstances. Committees of legislative bodies generally settle questions according to the political bias of the majority; but even if the members of the proposed committee approached the subject with absolutely open minds, the investigations would at best be superficial. The agreement with the company was only reached after much discussion and inquiry. It is to be assumed that those conducting the inquiry on behalf of the province were acting honestly and were endeavoring to reach the best possible conclusion. What reason is there for supposing that any other group of gentlemen, equally honest, could reach a wiser conclusion? We think the government did perfectly right in declining to allow the amendment to pass. We can imagine what Sir Wilfrid Laurier would say if Mr. Borden should move that some administrative act, which his government had sanctioned and crystallized into a Bill submitted to parliament, should be opened up for discussion by a committee of the House. Mr. Borden would have a better appreciation of parliamentary government than to suggest such a thing, and if he did, Sir Wilfrid would reject the proposal without hesitation. We suppose that the purpose of the Opposition has been gained. They have gone on record against the government's plan, and that is all they expected to do. When the election comes round and there are some people, who think the company has got more than it ought to, the Opposition can appeal to them on the strength of this vote. If no one complains, the matter can be conveniently forgotten.

The C. P. R. has just given another proof of its abundant faith in Canada by purchasing $5,000,000 of recently issued Dominion government 3% per cent. ten year debentures for its investment account.

Mrs. Hetty Green, the richest woman in the world, picked out a "Made in Canada" man as a husband for her only daughter. It is said that one of Mrs. Green's maxims for success in life is: "When you are getting anything, always get the best."

Vancouver is very happy over the announcement that in future all Alberta wheat for export will seek an outlet via that port and that the C. P. R. will provide all the terminal facilities required in the way of elevators. Vancouver has excellent reason to rejoice at the magnificent outlook. It is destined to be a very large city, and this conviction is shared by the people of Victoria, who have none but the best wishes for its success.

The announcement that the Federal government has decided upon making a large appropriation for the work of improving the inner harbor is very satisfactory. Such expenditure was imperative in view of the rapid increase of the shipping of this port. But it would be a mistake if we were to relax our efforts to secure the inauguration of some comprehensive scheme for the general improvement of the harbor on a scale much in excess of present plans.

Montreal and Toronto have taken the brandy chocolate scare very seriously and there have been a large number of convictions. This is likely to create an uneasy feeling in the rest of the Dominion, particularly when we are told that some of the defendants are among the leading confectioners. It surely is the duty of the authorities everywhere to probe this matter to the bottom. Such devilish devices as the placing of intoxicants in candy sold to children cannot be too strongly condemned.

A distinct forward step in the cause of closer unity of the Empire is disclosed in the announcement that an agreement has been reached by the government of Great Britain and the Colonies for the organization of an Imperial general staff. The plans as outlined in dispatches from London and Ottawa seems an excellent one in every respect, so conceived as to obviate anything that might make it objectionable to those who insist upon the preservation of the autonomy of the various portions of the Empire.

The C. P. R. has perfected elaborate arrangements for the handling of the large volume of westbound traffic which is expected as a consequence of the exposition at Seattle and the throwing open of the Prince Rupert townsite this season. Three trains will arrive from eastern points each day at Vancouver and three depart. All indications point to unprecedented activity in transportation circles on this section of the Pacific coast this year. The volume of traffic to Victoria from Mainland points promises to be exceptionally heavy.

The British and Foreign Sailors' Society of London has hit upon a really excellent idea for inculcating in the minds of the children throughout the Empire a wholesome patriotism by offering prizes for the best essays for selected subjects. The competition last year was entered by the school children of New Zealand, Cape Colony and Australia, and this year Canada is to join. The subject of the essay is "Capt. James Cook, his voyages and discoveries and their value to the Empire, Commerce and Christianity." The school children of British Columbia should be able to make a good showing with this subject, and we hope many of them may enter the competition.

During the debate on the Grand Trunk Pacific bill in the Legislature on Tuesday, Premier McBride declared that within fifteen years Prince Rupert would be one of the most important industrial and commercial centres in the Pacific northwest. This statement will be generally accepted. No one can doubt the splendid future of a city brought into being under such auspicious circumstances—circumstances quite unique in the history of the development of America. It is probably correct to say that never before on this continent has a great city been planned, "out of the raw," as it were, on the same scale and in the same way as is the case in respect to Prince Rupert.

The sportsmen of America, and, indeed, of the world, are under a great obligation to Dr. W. T. Hornaby, director of the New York zoological park, for in season and out he is indefatigable in his efforts to conserve the big game of the country. The Doctor's interest in this question does not halt at the boundary line either, for, as is well known, he takes the liveliest interest in conditions, from a sportsman's standpoint, which prevail in British Columbia and the Yukon. Speaking at Washington on Friday last Dr. Hornaby made the rather startling prediction that unless some effective drastic measures be taken, only a few years hence will see the last of the wild game of North America. This, from a gentleman who knows what he is talking about, is not pleasant reading, and it should act as a spur to those in this province, which is so largely interested in the question, who are endeavoring to conserve the big game of the country.

Strange as it may seem, it is undeniable that the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway will have an important bearing upon the mineral industry of Canada in another way from that of furnishing additional transportation facilities to the various mining camps. In more than one instance already the surveyors for the line have discovered, quite by accident, rich mineral bodies, and it is now officially announced from the head office of the company in Montreal that valuable deposits of gold have been located in the neighborhood of Sturgeon Lake, which is reached through Wake station, 160 miles west of Fort William. The enterprise is thus in a sense performing the work of the prospector in hitherto inaccessible districts, and we anticipate announcements of numerous discoveries of valuable minerals when the work of constructing the line through British Columbia is in active progress.

Nearly fifty years ago, Reverend George Hills, D.D., the first Bishop of British Columbia, in a letter to friends in England, said: "Victoria must be, I think, the most beautifully situated place in the world. I never saw anything before like it. In the summer it must be exquisite." It is very interesting to read today this opinion uttered so long ago, which coincides too well with the views of so many widely-travelled persons who visit Victoria now. It may, however, be a debatable point whether Victoria fifty years ago may not have, in its virgin state, presented a more attractive appearance than it does today with the many "improvements" which have been instituted. Still, it is a rather remarkable thing that all commentators, from those who saw it before it hardly had a place on the map, down to the present, agree that its situation, climate and general attractiveness are unexcelled anywhere in the world.

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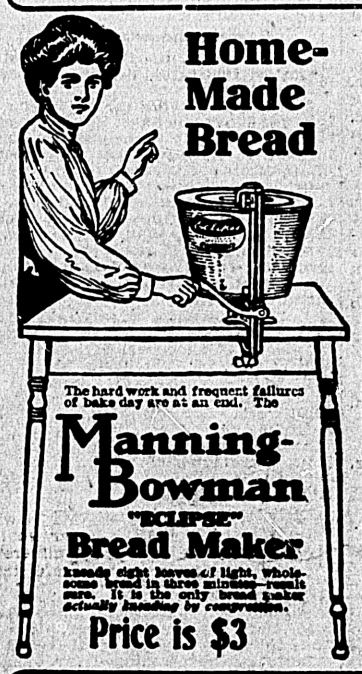

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FORTY YEARS AGO

The British Colonist, Thursday, February 25, 1869.

Victoria Turn Verein—At the meeting of this society on Tuesday night the following officers were elected: Pres., A. F. Keyser, Vice-Pres., Joshua Davies; Sec., Bobt. Loewenburg; Tresurer, Charles Lombard. The society resolved not to disband and we understand that it is their intention to remove the gymnasium apparatus to a central part of the city. The Alhambra, it is believed, will be the spot.

Panther Hunt—Last week two more panthers bit the dust at Metchosin. Mr. Weir, finding a number of sheep dead, hunted the panthers down and killed two. One of the fellows was shot through the body twice and fell from a tree in which it had taken refuge, to the ground, where he showed fight until another bullet finished him.

Beautiful Views—Mr. Dallay, the Fort street photographer, has lately taken several charming views of Government House and vicinity; the Admiral's house at Esquimalt; H.M.S. Zealous, with a number of officers grouped on deck. The views are the finest we have seen produced in the Colony. The value of several of the pictures is enhanced by the fact that they contain faithful full-length likenesses of the Governor and Mrs. Seymour, the Admiral and Mrs. Hastings, and other persons of distinction.

ABOUT PEOPLE

The juryman who asked Mr. Justice Darling to excuse him on account of having to nurse a sick hen was not, says the Daily Chronicle, so successful as the gentleman who, to use Lord Brampton's own words, "once got the blind side of me." He appeared in court dressed in the deepest mourning and in a melancholy voice pleaded for leave of absence to attend a funeral. Lord Brampton granted the request, and the juror hurriedly left the court. Much to the Judge's disgust, however, his clerk told him that the apparently grief-stricken gentleman was an undertaker, who wished to attend a funeral in his professional capacity.

With the revival of the guillotine the quite inoffensive personality of Dr. Guillotin crops up in incongruous association with raucous shouts of "Death!" Of course he did not invent the monster that in reality invented him. The inventor of the guillotine was Dr. Louis, a well-known Parisian medical man, says a writer in T.P.'s Weekly. The guillotine itself was intended to be an instrument of mercy, in the invention of which both Louis XVI. and Marie Antoinette were interested. In 1785 Dr. Louis produced a model of his apparatus, which hesembled somewhat the manaja of Italy which had been in use for centuries. Seven years later the doctor read a paper before a select assembly of members of Parliament. On this occasion, by the curious irony of fate, he exhibited a model made for him by M. Schmidt, the well-known maker of musical instruments, who had made many spinets and harpsichords for Mario Antoinette.

For something like thirty-five years, says the Globe, General Sir Dighton Probyn, V.C., has been associated with the Court, and from members of the Royal family will come the heartiest congratulations on the seventy-sixth anniversary of his birth. Sir Dighton, who has been Keeper of the Privy Purse and Registrar of the Victorian Order since his Majesty's accession, won the V.C. during the Indian Mutiny, when he was several times mentioned in despatches, and for his gallant services received the thanks of the Government. He returned to India when the then Prince of Wales made his famous tour in the seventies.

A propos of the recent visit of the Duke of Connaught to Italy specially to convey his condolence to the Government on account of the disaster at Messina, a good story is told of his association with an earthquake. When with the Duchess he was visiting Japan some years ago he remarked to his host at table when the programme for his visit was put before him—"Well, I think you have planned everything connected with this country there is to see, but," he added, laughing, "there is one thing you cannot put on your programme, and that is an earthquake." Hardly had he spoken, however, than the house began to tremble violently, and the servants standing at the door bowed together, as the host said, "Your Highness, the honourable earthquake!"

BRITISH OPINION

The grievances of present-day jurymen are, says the Daily Chronicle, mild compared with those inflicted on them in the past. Until the passing of an Act of Parliament in 1870 they were prohibited from having meat, drink, or fire (candle light only excepted) while considering their verdict. In some ancient courts of quarter sessions they were even subject to physical violence. They were told to "lay their heads together" as an indispensabe preliminary to finding a verdict. No sooner did the jury dive beneath the level of their box than an usher, armed with a willow wand, took up a position near them. If any juryman presumed to come to the surface before the verdict was arrived at down came the wand on the head of the offender.

The Daily News has an article on the Irish language by Mr. James Donovan, in the course of which the writer says:—If Mr. Birrell loves a controversy as dearly as he professed to do in his "Obiter Dicta" days, he must have been enjoying himself greatly during the recess. For his creation of the new National University in Dublin has aroused as keen and lively a discussion as any which has occurred even in Ireland for many a day. It all hangs on the question whether the Irish language shall be a compulsory subject from the outset in the National University. On the surface it may not seem a very vital issue whether the Irish language is made compulsory or optional at the opening of the new University. But to us Nationalists the issue is so vital that what we believe to be at stake is the success or absolute failure of the institution which Mr. Birrell created. If Irish is made compulsory, the University, through the means of county scholarships, will be opened to brilliant boys from the primary schools who are proficient in Irish, but to whom Latin and Greek might present insuperable difficulties. It is thus more than a fight for the Irish tongue alone—it is a fight for a democratic university as distinct from an aristocratic institution like the older universities. And on the cause is going.

VANCOUVER ISLAND AND RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT

(Charles H. Lugrin)

III.

In ocean voyages ships follow Great Circles when possible. A Great Circle is the shortest distance between two points on the surface of a globe. The Meridians are Great Circles; so are the Equator and the Ecliptic, but the parallels of latitude are not. Hence if points are due north and south of each other, the shortest distance between them is due north or south; but if points are east or west of each other the shortest distance between them is not east or west, except on the Equator, but is found by following the line of the Great Circle upon which they are both situated. Any two points on the globe can be connected with each other by a Great Circle. This is elementary, but it is well sometimes to be elementary.

If we take two points on the Asiatic coast, say Hong Kong and Yokohama, and draw Great Circles from them so as to intersect Prince Rupert, the North end of Vancouver Island and the entrance to the Strait of Juan de Fuca, the Circles, drawn from Hong Kong will be found to pass through Manchuria, Kamschatka and southwestern Alaska. The Circles drawn from Yokohama will be found to pass through the Alaskan Peninsula. Hence it is impossible to sail from either of the ports on one side of the Pacific to a port on the other side, within the limits mentioned, upon a Great Circle, and therefore the theoretically shortest line cannot be followed. But the parts of several Great Circles can be followed with advantage for a great part of the distance, the remainder of the voyage being on what is called rhumb lines. For these reasons there are always variations in the estimates made by different people of the distances between American and Asiatic ports. For example Admiral Cochrane estimated the distance from a line joining Cape Flattery and Point Bonilla to Yokohama at 4,300 miles, Admiral Richards at 4,115 miles and Captain Graham at 4,103. (Readers who care to read some interesting statistics and other information in regard to the western coast of Canada will find them in Sandford Fleming's Report on the Canadian Pacific Railway Surveys, 1877). The distances given hereunder are the result of measurements made upon the chart of the North Pacific Ocean by an experienced navigator at my request, and they were afterwards compared with those made by the naval officers above mentioned and others. I think that they will be found to be as accurate as any that have been made.

Trans-Oceanic Distances.

	Miles.
Prince Rupert to Yokohama	3,870
Quatsino to Yokohama	3,918
Barkley Sound to Yokohama	4,090
Victoria to Yokohama	4,193

These distances are in geographical miles. That from Prince Rupert is substantially the same as estimated by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. The others agree substantially with the estimates made by the Canadian Pacific of the distance from Vancouver to Yokohama, if the distance from the former city to the several points is subtracted.

It will be observed that Quatsino is by estimate only 48 miles further from Yokohama than Prince Rupert is, a difference which may be disregarded, especially as the approach to Quatsino is directly from the open ocean, and hence the perils of the sea to be encountered in approaching it are less than those that may be encountered in approaching the northern port. I have not estimated the distance from Yokohama to Nootka, but it is necessarily a little more than to Quatsino and a little less than to Barkley Sound, but in either case the difference is so small as to be negligible.

The Approach from the Ocean.

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Mr. Williams (Newcastle) stated that forty-five per cent of the coal miners of British Columbia died "with their boots on." This, he said, accounted so-called "harrowing tales" told by himself and the member for Nanaimo. As for the question of Chinese labor in coal mines, he said that there were many Chinese in the mines who could not speak English, and who, therefore, could not pass any examinations.

The bill was reported with the amendment.

The premier's bill to amend the companies act was considered by the committee of the whole house. This bill, as explained by the premier, is intended to do away with conflicting clauses in the companies act, placer mining act and mineral act with regard to the issuance of free miners' certificates. It was reported without amendment.

The House went into committee on the premier's bill to amend the placer mining act. It was reported complete without amendments.

The attorney-general's bill to amend the reformatory was taken up in committee. An amendment was moved by Mr. Henderson (Vale) as follows:

"It shall be the duty of the superintendent or other head of the said school to prepare and forward to the attorney-general of the province an annual report, on or before the first day of December in each year, to be laid before the legislative assembly within ten days of the first day of the next succeeding session; and such report shall mention the (a) ages, country of origin and calling, (b) offences, length of term or detention, (c) deaths, escapes, pardons, or other liberations during the preceding year; but in no case the names of the inmates."

This amendment was accepted by Mr. Bowser, and the bill was reported.

The Pay of Jurors.

The House, in committee, considered the attorney-general's bill to amend the Juror's act. Mr. Williams (Newcastle) had an amendment increasing the pay of a juryman from two to three dollars a day. Mr. Bowser did not think the time had come for such a step. It would lead to a grave drain on the treasury.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite supported the amendment. He said that the Liberal government at Ottawa had inserted "fair wage" clauses in some of their legislation, while the good Conservative government in British Columbia was paying "scab" wages. If the jurymen were drawn from the professional class they would ask for $15 a day. The attorney-general had said that there was a great increase of crime. It was strange that this should happen under the present administration. Where Conservatism was firmly established there was always an increase

Mr. Williams attacked this attitude fiercely. What was the use, he asked, of going over a bill in committee, if the House was not allowed to suggest an amendment. The attorney-general would need a telescope to see his way clear to adopt any amendment from the opposite side of the house.

Mr. McPhillips: "We used to be over there."

Mr. Williams: "Yes, and if you continue to pursue this policy you will be over here again." (Laughter).

Parker Williams wanted the point of order settled before adjournment, and accordingly A. E. McPhillips quoted the rule in question, and said it would be a matter of grave embarrassment to the government if private members could increase charges on consolidated fund.

Mr. Oliver—I rise to a point of order. He is not entitled to discuss the reasons for the rules.

The chairman ruled the point of order well taken and the amendment out of order, and Mr. Williams appealed to the Speaker.

The Speaker—The consent in such cases must be given directly by the ministers. Unless a minister of the crown has arisen in his place and given his consent, I must concur with the ruling of the chairman of committee, and declare the amendment out of order.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite—This is a new decision. Prior decisions have referred merely to the introduction of bills referring to the revenue.

Mr. Speaker—If this motion were allowed, large additions to the expenses of the country might originate with private members.

Mr. Williams appealed to the House against the decision of the Speaker, but on a vote was only supported by his two Socialist colleagues.

The committee then reported progress on the motion of the attorney-general to give the leader of the opposition an opportunity to speak.

The second reading of an act to amend the Ditches and Water Courses act was moved by the attorney-general, who explained its provisions and stated that it had been approved by the municipal committee. The motion was agreed to without debate.

The attorney-general moved the second reading of the act amending the Land Registry act, and explained that the chief provision was the making of the procedure in connection with the registration of tax sale deeds uniform throughout the province. The Victoria and Vancouver practice is adopted. There are also provisions regarding the filing of plans of subdivisions. The bill passed without division.

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Memorial to Peel

London, Feb. 23.—The fund for the workingmen's memorial of gratitude to Sir Robert Peel, which has been raised by the penny subscriptions of upwards of 400,000 workingmen of Great Britain, as a record of their gratitude to Sir Robert Peel for his successful legislation in abolishing the tax on bread in 1846, has been completed.

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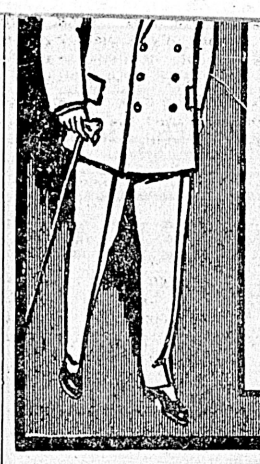

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FORTY YEARS AGO

The British Colonist, Thursday, February 25, 1869.

Victoria Turn Verein—At the meeting of this society on Tuesday night the following officers were elected: Pres., A. F. Keyser, Vice-Pres., Joshua Davies; Sec., Bobt. Loewenburg; Treasurer, Charles Lombard. The society resolved not to disband and we understand that it is their intention to remove the gymnasium apparatus to a central part of the city. The Alhambra, it is believed, will be the spot.

Panther Hunt—Last week two more panthers bit the dust at Metchosin. Mr. Weir, finding a number of sheep dead, hunted the panthers down and killed two. One of the fellows was shot through the body twice and fell from a tree in which it had taken refuge, to the ground, where he showed fight until another bullet finished him.

Beautiful Views—Mr. Dallay, the Fort street photographer, has lately taken several charming views of Government House and vicinity; the Admiral's house at Esquimalt; H.M.S. Zealous, with a number of officers grouped on deck. The views are the finest we have seen produced in the Colony. The value of several of the pictures is enhanced by the fact that they contain faithful full-length likenesses of the Governor and Mrs. Seymour, the Admiral and Mrs. Hastings, and other persons of distinction.

ABOUT PEOPLE

The juryman who asked Mr. Justice Darling to excuse him on account of having to nurse a sick hen was not, says the Daily Chronicle, so successful as the gentleman who, to use Lord Brampton's own words, "once got the blind side of me." He appeared in court dressed in the deepest mourning and in a melancholy voice pleaded for leave of absence to attend a funeral. Lord Brampton granted the request, and the juror hurriedly left the court. Much to the Judge's disgust, however, his clerk told him that the apparently grief-stricken gentleman was an undertaker, who wished to attend a funeral in his professional capacity.

With the revival of the guillotine the quite inoffensive personality of Dr. Guillotin crops up in incongruous association with raucous shouts of "Death!" Of course he did not invent the monster that in reality invented him. The inventor of the guillotine was Dr. Louis, a well-known Parisian medical man, says a writer in T.P.'s Weekly. The guillotine itself was intended to be an instrument of mercy, in the invention of which both Louis XVI. and Marie Antoinette were interested. In 1785 Dr. Louis produced a model of his apparatus, which resembled somewhat the manaja of Italy which had been in use for centuries. Seven years later the doctor read a paper before a select assembly of members of Parliament. On this occasion, by the curious irony of fate, he exhibited a model made for him by M. Schmidt, the well-known maker of musical instruments, who had made many spinets and harpsichords for Marie Antoinette.

For something like thirty-five years, says the Globe, General Sir Dighton Probyn, V.C., has been associated with the Court, and from members of the Royal family will come the heartiest congratulations on the seventy-sixth anniversary of his birth. Sir Dighton, who has been Keeper of the Privy Purse and Registrar of the Victorian Order since his Majesty's accession, won the V.C. during the Indian Mutiny, when he was several times mentioned in despatches, and for his gallant services received the thanks of the Government. He returned to India when the then Prince of Wales made his famous tour in the seventies.

A propos of the recent visit of the Duke of Connaught to Italy specially to convey his condolence to the Government on account of the disaster at Messina, a good story is told of his association with an earthquake. When with the Duchess he was visiting Japan some years ago he remarked to his host at table when the programme for his visit was put before him—"Well, I think you have planned everything connected with this country there is to see, but," he added, laughing, "there is one thing you cannot put on your programme, and that is an earthquake." Hardly had he spoken, however, than the house began to tremble violently, and the servants standing at the door bowed together, as the host said, "Your Highness, the honourable earthquake!"

BRITISH OPINION

The grievances of present-day jurymen are, says the Daily Chronicle, mild compared with those inflicted on them in the past. Until the passing of an Act of Parliament in 1870 they were prohibited from having meat, drink, or fire (candle light only excepted) while considering their verdict. In some ancient courts of quarter sessions they were even subject to physical violence. They were told to "lay their heads together" as an indispensabe preliminary to finding a verdict. No sooner did the jury dive beneath the level of their box than an usher, armed with a willow wand, took up a position near them. If any juryman presumed to come to the surface before the verdict was arrived at down came the wand on the head of the offender.

The Daily News has an article on the Irish language by Mr. James Donovan, in the course of which the writer says:—If Mr. Birrell loves a controversy as dearly as he professed to do in his "Obiter Dicta" days, he must have been enjoying himself greatly during the recess. For his creation of the new National University in Dublin has aroused as keen and lively a discussion as any which has occurred even in Ireland for many a day. It all hangs on the question whether the Irish language shall be a compulsory subject from the outset in the National University. On the surface it may not seem a very vital issue whether the Irish language is made compulsory or optional at the opening of the new University. But to us Nationalists the issue is so vital that what we believe to be at stake is the success or absolute failure of the institution which Mr. Birrell created. If Irish is made compulsory, the University, through the means of county scholarships, will be opened to brilliant boys from the primary schools who are proficient in Irish, but to whom Latin and Greek might present insuperable difficulties. It is thus more than a fight for the Irish tongue alone—it is a fight for a democratic university as distinct from an aristocratic institution like the older universities. And so the cause is going.

VANCOUVER ISLAND AND RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT

(Charles H. Lugrin)

III.

In ocean voyages ships follow Great Circles when possible. A Great Circle is the shortest distance between two points on the surface of a globe. The Meridians are Great Circles; so are the Equator and the Ecliptic, but the parallels of latitude are not. Hence if points are due north and south of each other, the shortest distance between them is due north or south; but if points are east or west of each other the shortest distance between them is not east or west, except on the Equator, but is found by following the line of the Great Circle upon which they are both situated. Any two points on the globe can be connected with each other by a Great Circle. This is elementary, but it is well sometimes to be elementary.

If we take two points on the Asiatic coast, say Hong Kong and Yokohama, and draw Great Circles from them so as to intersect Prince Rupert, the North end of Vancouver Island and the entrance to the Strait of Juan de Fuca, the Circles, drawn from Hong Kong will be found to pass through Manchuria, Kamschatka and southwestern Alaska. The Circles drawn from Yokohama will be found to pass through the Alaskan Peninsula. Hence it is impossible to sail from either of the ports on one side of the Pacific to a port on the other side, within the limits mentioned, upon a Great Circle, and therefore the theoretically shortest line cannot be followed. But the parts of several Great Circles can be followed with advantage for a great part of the distance, the remainder of the voyage being on what is called rhumb lines. For these reasons there are always variations in the estimates made by different people of the distances between American and Asiatic ports. For example Admiral Cochrane estimated the distance from a line joining Cape Flattery and Point Bonilla to Yokohama at 4,300 miles, Admiral Richards at 4,115 miles and Captain Graham at 4,103. (Readers who care to read some interesting statistics and other information in regard to the western coast of Canada will find them in Sandford Fleming's Report on the Canadian Pacific Railway Surveys, 1877). The distances given hereunder are the result of measurements made upon the chart of the North Pacific Ocean by an experienced navigator at my request, and they were afterwards compared with those made by the naval officers above mentioned and others. I think that they will be found to be as accurate as any that have been made.

Trans-Oceanic Distances.

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Victoria to Yokohama	4,193

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APPEALED FROM RULING OF CHAIR

Socialist Members of House Called For Vote on the Speaker's Decision

An appeal from the chair on the part of the Socialist members of the legislature was a feature of the proceedings at last night's sitting.

In committee on the attorney-general's bill to amend the jurors' act, Mr. Williams (Newcastle) moved an amendment whereby jurymen should receive $3 instead of $2 per day. Mr. McPhillips (the Islands) rose to a point of order and said that a private member could not introduce a measure involving the expenditure of public money. The chairman of the committee sustained the point of order, and Mr. Williams appealed to the speaker. The speaker sustained the ruling, and finally the house was called upon to sustain the speaker, the three Socialist members voting against it.

The sitting was occupied mainly in committee on various public bills, the speaker making many exits from the chamber in the wake of the sergeant and the mace.

House in Supply

At the opening the House went into committee of the whole on the estimate, but the committee rose immediately, the order being a purely formal one, following the conclusion of the budget debate.

The attorney-general's bill to amend the court of appeal act was reported.

The adjourned committee on the highway traffic regulation act sat again. The minister of public works brought in an amendment concerning the width of tire to be used in hauling loads on roads east of the Cascades, the widest tire being five inches for loads of 6,000 pounds or over.

Mr. Macdonald (Rossland) suggested that some time should be allowed the teamsters to adjust themselves to the new regulations brought into force by the act.

Mr. Williams (Newcastle) proposed a supervision of the dealers in wagons so that they might not sell vehicles that did not conform to the act.

Mr. Fulton said that in 1893 the wide tire act was passed, affecting the country west of the Cascades, and the present measure was to affect the country east thereof. He said that every newspaper in the upper country ten months ago had published notice of the present bill, and the minister of public works had announced that it would be ten months before the bill would come into force.

The bill was reported with the amendment.

Mining Regulations

The Premier's bill to amend the coal mines regulation act was considered by the committee of the whole house. Mr. Hawthornthwaite (Nanaimo) moved that the words "actually working in the colliery" should be struck out of the clause defining the personnel of the board of examiners at collieries. He said that the object of the bill was to see that competent men were employed in the collieries of the province. Men working in the collieries would be in the power of the operators and the latter would get control of the issuing of miners' certificates. At present, he said, the examinations were a farce. In many cases the examiners walked through the mine and asked a Chinaman whether he "heap savvied mining?"

Mr. McBride accepted the amendment. He took exception, however, to the alarmist statements made by the members for Newcastle and Nanaimo. He could not believe that in the province there was a single workingman suffering under government control. On the other hand, the workingmen of the province were in an enviable position in comparison to those in other provinces.

Mr. Williams (Newcastle) stated that forty-five per cent of the coal miners of British Columbia died "with their boots on." This, he said, accounted so-called "harrowing tales" told by himself and the member for Nanaimo. As for the question of Chinese labor in coal mines, he said that there were many Chinese in the mines who could not speak English, and who, therefore, could not pass any examinations.

The bill was reported with the amendment.

The premier's bill to amend the companies act was considered by the committee of the whole house. This bill, as explained by the premier, is intended to do away with conflicting clauses in the companies act, placer mining act and mineral act with regard to the issuance of free miners' certificates. It was reported without amendment.

The House went into committee on the premier's bill to amend the placer mining act. It was reported complete without amendments.

The attorney-general's bill to amend the reformatory was taken up in committee. An amendment was moved by Mr. Henderson (Yale) as follows:

"It shall be the duty of the superintendent or other head of the said school to prepare and forward to the attorney-general of the province an annual report, on or before the first day of December in each year, to be laid before the legislative assembly within ten days of the first day of the next succeeding session; and such report shall mention the (a) ages, country of origin and calling, (b) offences, length of term or detention, (c) deaths, escapes, pardons, or other liberations during the preceding year; but in no case the names of the inmates."

This amendment was accepted by Mr. Bowser, and the bill was reported.

The Pay of Jurors.

The House, in committee, considered the attorney-general's bill to amend the Jurors' act. Mr. Williams (Newcastle) had an amendment increasing the pay of a juryman from two to three dollars a day. Mr. Bowser did not think the time had come for such a step. It would lead to a grave drain on the treasury.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite supported the amendment. He said that the Liberal government at Ottawa had inserted "fair wage" clauses in some of their legislation, while the good Conservative government in British Columbia was paying "scab" wages. If the jurymen were drawn from the professional class they would ask for $15 a day. The attorney-general had said that there was a great increase of crime. It was strange that this should happen under the present administration. Where Conservatism was firmly established there was always an increase in crime. He cited the case of a prison in the United States, where a straw ballot was taken. Out of 510 inmates, 300 were Conservatives, 200 Liberals and 10 Socialists. Mr. Hawthornthwaite said that in all his experience in the legislature he had never received a concession from the attorney-general.

Mr. Henderson (Yale) said that in the interior it had become almost impossible to get people of any standing to serve as furymen under present conditions.

Mr. McPhillips (The Islands) said the motion was out of order, as implying the expenditure of money.

Mr. Williams attacked this attitude fiercely. What was the use, he asked, of going over a bill in committee, if the House was not allowed to suggest an amendment. The attorney-general would need a telescope to see his way clear to adopt any amendment from the opposite side of the house.

Mr. McPhillips: "We used to be over there."

Mr. Williams: "Yes, and if you continue to pursue this policy you will be over here again." (Laughter).

Parker Williams wanted the point of order settled before adjournment, and accordingly A. E. McPhillips quoted the rule in question, and said it would be a matter of grave embarrassment to the government if private members could increase charges on consolidated fund.

Mr. Oliver—I rise to a point of order. He is not entitled to discuss the reasons for the rules.

The chairman ruled the point of order well taken and the amendment out of order, and Mr. Williams appealed to the Speaker.

The Speaker—The consent in such cases must be given directly by the ministers. Unless a minister of the crown has arisen in his place and given his consent, I must concur with the ruling of the chairman of committee, and declare the amendment out of order.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite—This is a new decision. Prior decisions have referred merely to the introduction of bills referring to the revenue.

Mr. Speaker—If this motion were allowed, large additions to the expenses of the country might originate with private members.

Mr. Williams appealed to the House against the decision of the Speaker, but on a vote was only supported by his two Socialist colleagues.

The committee then reported progress on the motion of the attorney-general to give the leader of the opposition an opportunity to speak.

The second reading of an act to amend the Ditches and Water Courses act was moved by the attorney-general, who explained its provisions and stated that it had been approved by the municipal committee. The motion was agreed to without debate.

The attorney-general moved the second reading of the act amending the Land Registry act, and explained that the chief provision was the making of the procedure in connection with the registration of tax sale deeds uniform throughout the province. The Victoria and Vancouver practice is adopted. There are also provisions regarding the filing of plans of subdivisions. The bill passed without division.

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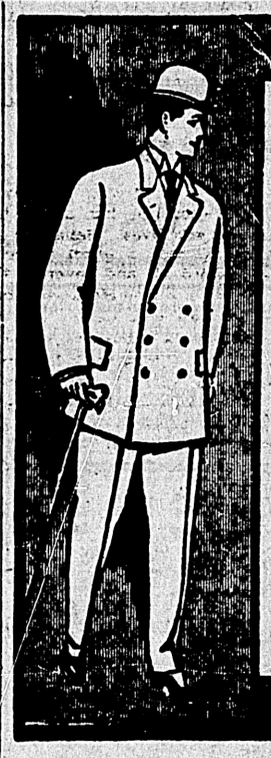

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Aberdeen Society's Appeal

The Aberdeen Society appeals to its friends and the public generally for donations of books and magazines. This society meets on the first Monday in the month to distribute literature among those living in out of the way places, who cannot get, or who cannot afford, reading matter. The society has no funds with which to buy books or magazines and it has to depend solely on the generosity of the public for the books and magazines which are so greatly appreciated by those to whom they are sent. At present the supply on hand is very small indeed, so that contributions before the next meeting on Monday, the 1st March, would be greatly appreciated, and it is hoped that each month hereafter anyone wishing to find a good use for their old books and magazines will kindly remember to send them to the Aberdeen Society. All contributions will be thankfully received and can be left in charge of the caretaker, Market hall, Cormorant St., or arrangements will be made for collection on application to the hon. secretary, Miss Lawson, Simcoe St., telephone 141.

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"Well, I hardly durst tell you, but oor Sam. Wasn't he lucky?"

"Aye," said John, "he was lucky. And who was second then?"

"I durst hardly tell you. Who would you think now? she said.

"I couldn't say," said John.

"Well, it was oor Sally. Wasn't she lucky?"

"Aye, she was lucky," said John. "And who was third?" he ask.

"Well," she said, "you would never guess, and I might as well tell. I was third. Wasn't I lucky?"

"You were," he said. "Did I ever pay you for that ticket, Missus?"

"No, John, you didn't," she said, fawning upon him.

"Well," said John, "isn't I lucky?"

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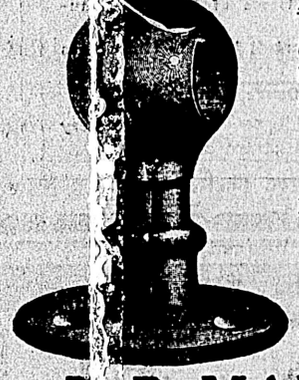

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NEWS OF THE CITY

Will Lecture on Wales.

In honor of St. David's Day, which falls upon Monday, March 1, a lecture upon Wales will be given in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium on Saturday evening next by Rev. T. W. Gladstone.

Pythian Sisters' Dance

The dance to be given under the auspices of the Pythian Sisters, will not, as erroneously stated, be given in their own hall, but in the A.O.U.W. hall, Yates street.

Chinaman Injured.

A Chinaman was somewhat seriously injured in the yard of Cameron's lumber company's mill yesterday morning through the accidental rolling of a heavy log upon him, but it is not as yet possible to decide how serious are his injuries. He was removed to St. Joseph's hospital. Dr. Holden attended the injured man.

Choice of Delegates.

It was arranged at a meeting of the general city laymen's missionary movement committee, in the Y. M. C. A. building last evening, to leave the selection of the ten delegates to the Canadian L. M. M. national convention which will open in Massey hall, Toronto, upon the 31st of March, to the different denominational committees. Their reports will be received on Wednesday evening next.

Appeal for Trails.

Arrangements have been made with the executive of the provincial government to receive a large delegation which will be headed by members of the Vancouver Island Development league with a view of urging a special appropriation for the construction upon this island of trails which will open up new and desirable districts. The hours which has been appointed for this purpose is 11 o'clock, Saturday morning next.

In Chambers

Before Mr. Justice Irving in Chambers yesterday Frank Higgins made application for an order making the sub-contractor in the construction of a bakery owned by H. T. Baker on St. Lawrence street a party to an action brought by Mr. Baker who is suing the contractor, J. Atkins, on account of alleged defective construction of an oven. The defendant claims contribution of indemnity by the sub-contractor, H. C. Martin, and Mr. Higgins was granted an order making him a party to the action.

Discuss Water Rates

Higher rates will be charged Victoria users of water, but just what these rates will be has not been decided. A meeting of the city council was held last evening when the whole question was gone into, but as the press representatives were excluded and no information was forthcoming when the session closed the results of the deliberations are not known other than that the consensus of opinion was that if the city wishes to have its expenditures and receipts for water balance a higher rate will be necessary. The suggestion to charge a frontage tax on water mains was considered, but no definite action was taken. Another meeting will have to be held before a report can be prepared.

Aberdeen Society's Appeal

The Aberdeen Society appeals to its friends and the public generally for donations of books and magazines. This society meets on the first Monday in the month to distribute literature among those living in out of the way places, who cannot get, or who cannot afford, reading matter. The society has no funds with which to buy books or magazines and it has to depend solely on the generosity of the public for the books and magazines which are so greatly appreciated by those to whom they are sent. At present the supply on hand is very small indeed, so that contributions before the next meeting on Monday, the 1st March, would be greatly appreciated, and it is hoped that each month hereafter anyone wishing to find a good use for their old books and magazines will kindly remember to send them to the Aberdeen Society. All contributions will be thankfully received and can be left in charge of the caretaker, Market hall, Cormorant St., or arrangements will be made for collection on application to the hon. secretary, Miss Lawson, Simcoe St., telephone 141.

OBITUARY NOTICES

Smith.

The death of George Smith, the six weeks old child of George M. Smith, occurred at an early hour yesterday morning at the family residence, No. 1028 Frederick street. The funeral will take place at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon.

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THE WEATHER

Meteorological office, Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m., February 24, 1909:

SYNOPSIS.

The high pressure area over the North Pacific states and the Canadian provinces has given way in many districts and an extensive area of low pressure is moving down from the northward and is at present centered over British Columbia; heavy winds have prevailed on the outside waters and rainfall has occurred from Kamloops southward through the Pacific states and unsettled weather has been general west of the Rockies. In Alberta and Saskatchewan it has become warmer but cold weather continues in Manitoba.

TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	41	48
Vancouver	42	46
New Westminster	40	44
Kamloops	34	38
Barkerville	26	34
Atlin	20 below	6
Dawson, Y. T.	30 below	8
Calgary, Alta.	8	44
Winnipeg, Man.	22 below	2 b
Portland, Ore.	44	48
San Francisco, Cal.	46	58

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific Time) Thursday:

Victoria and Vicinity: Light or moderate winds, generally fair with stationary or lower temperature.

Lower Mainland: Light or moderate winds, chiefly cloudy with showers tonight or Friday and not much change in temperature.

WEDNESDAY.

Highest	48
Lowest	41
Mean	44

Rain, trace.

WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT.

Victoria meteorological office, February 17th to 23rd, 1909:

At Victoria there were registered 20 hours and 18 minutes of bright sunshine; highest temperature 51 on 17th; lowest 29 on 21st; rain .47 inch.

At Vancouver—Bright sunshine 12 hours and 42 minutes; highest temperature 50 on 18th; lowest 31 on 22nd; rain 2.00 inches.

At New Westminster—Highest temperature 48 in 17th, 18th; lowest 28 on 21st; rain 1.71 inches.

At Kamloops—Highest temperature 50 on 18th; lowest 24 on 22nd; precipitation .05 inch.

At Barkerville—Highest temperature 34 on 18th; lowest 12 on 22nd; precipitation .68 inch.

At Port Simpson (incomplete)—Highest temperature 40 on 17th, 18th, 19th; lowest 30 on 22nd; rain .62 inch.

At Atlin—Highest temperature 30 on 17th, 19th; lowest 14 below zero on 22nd; snow 2.20 inches.

At Dawson—Highest temperature zero on 17th, 19th; lowest 42 below zero on 22nd; snow .20 inch.

TIDE TABLE

Victoria, February, 1909.

Date	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
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6	6 54	8.3	10 09	8.0	13 31	8.4	22 13	2.6
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The time used is Pacific Standard, for the 120th Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish High Water from Low Water.

The height is in feet and tenths of a foot, above the average level of the lowest Low Water in each month of the year. This level is half a foot lower than the datum to which the soundings on the admiralty chart of Victoria harbor are reduced.

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"Oh, that's a'reet, John," she says, "take the ticket and pay for it any time."

Some time later John called again, and the landlady asked him if he knew who had won the lottery.

"No," he said, "who won?"

"Well, I hardly durst tell you, but oor Sam. Wasn't he lucky?"

"Aye," said John, "he was lucky. And who was second then?"

"I durst hardly tell you. Who would you think now? she said.

"I couldn't say," said John.

"Well, it was oor Sally. Wasn't she lucky?"

"Aye, she was lucky," said John. "And who was third?" he ask.

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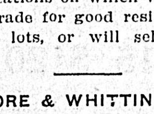

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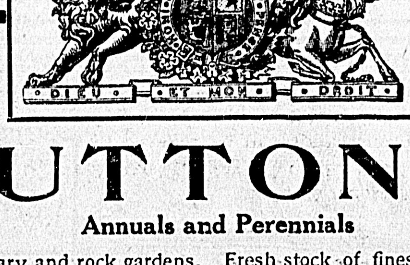
Three hundred thousand concrete cross ties have been ordered for the Italian state railways.

It is said that there are 13 organizations advocating woman suffrage in the little kingdom of Belgium.



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000 bulletins and reports were sent out during the year, mainly to institute members. A larger number of supplementary meetings have been held than during the previous year, and the lecturers for these have principally been arranged for by local institute officials.

There is a growing tendency to make Farmers' Institutes something more than organizations for the purpose of hearing lecturers sent out by the department. This I trust will proceed until the various institutes become fully representative of the best thought and agricultural practice in their respective districts.

I regret to state that transcripts of only a small percentage of the addresses delivered at institute meetings are forwarded to the department. It is expected that in future institute secretaries will comply with the requirements of the act in this respect, and send transcripts of at least two addresses delivered during the year in each case. It is also to be regretted that in some institute districts no supplementary meetings have been held. This also is in disregard to the requirements of the act, and will, I trust, receive attention.

The duties which devolve upon institute secretaries were dealt with fully in the report of the late superintendent recently published and distributed. I desire to add that institute directors are expected to give the secretaries every assistance possible; this specially necessary in districts where the members are scattered over large areas.

The department has experienced difficulty, as in former years, in securing the services of thoroughly competent men for lecturing and practical demonstration work. This, it is hoped to overcome, at least in part, by the increases made, and to be made, to the permanent staff of the agricultural department. It is planned to largely increase demonstration work in connection with the fruit industry, including pruning, spraying, fruit grading and packing, stock judging classes and demonstrations. It is also hoped to secure the services of experts on irrigation and the raising of crops on irrigated lands.

It is desired that the present meeting will, in conformity with the spirit of the act constituting it, consider carefully methods for improving and developing Farmers' Institute work generally. It is confidently expected that its deliberations will result in promoting agricultural interests throughout the province, and guide the department in institute work particularly.

In conclusion, it is largely due to the efforts of the secretaries and directors that the work for the past year has been so successful as a whole, and it is my privilege to express the thanks of the department for their efficient work, and to congratulate the successful institutes on their standing

The Premier.

Hon. Mr. McBride said: This will make perhaps the fourth or fifth occasion upon which I have had the privilege and pleasure of saying a word of greeting to the members of the Central Farmers' Institute of British Columbia through the kindness of their chairman. I do not hesitate to say that I have always esteemed it a great favor that you have been pleased to honor me with such an invitation. Of late you will have observed that the department of agriculture, presided over by Captain Tatlow, has devoted a great deal of time and attention to the up-building of farmers institutes. It has been readily demonstrated to the department that a good deal of aid could be rendered to the province of B. C. through your institute and already results that have come about

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Mr. Luxton—Exactly.

Mr. Taylor—We don't want to go to Goldstream, but they have really come between us and Sooke. We wish to go there by pipe line and will not touch their property. Before we can finance the project, we must be able to convince the capitalists that there is nothing to fear.

Mr. Ross—Your idea is that it is very important to consider the capitalist before getting his money, but not afterwards? (Laughter.)

Mr. Taylor—We are not changing the situation, and they invested with their eyes open, and in any event we cannot take anything without paying for it. Their attitude is especially unfair in that the possibility that Victoria may at one time buy their plant is one of their chief assets. But for Victoria their plant would have little value and if we can get our own works it will make that contingency less probable and so reduce the value of their works.

The Company's Position

In reply, A. P. Luxton, K.C., made the point that the capitalist argument cut both ways. This legislation would make it harder for the company to raise money.

If they don't want Goldstream why not insert a clause exempting us?

Mr. Taylor—This council does not want Goldstream but it would not be right to tie the hands of the city for all time to come.

Mr. Luxton's main argument was that the saving clauses in the Esquimalt Water Works company merely had the effect of not shutting the city off from acquiring the water if the Esquimalt company did not take it. The city could have stepped in at any time before the water was utilized. It had not done so and now was debarred. He also referred to the obligation that the company was under to supply the city at 15 months' notice. In order to be able to meet this demand the company had expended $100,000 without any return so far. Mr. Taylor suggested that if this obligation was found onerous a release could be obtained. Mr. Luxton went on to point out that the property was only valuable by reason of the works which had been constructed and with the growth of the district generally the company had a large field open to it quite apart from the city of Victoria.

Mr. Henderson—Is not the real question this, Mr. Taylor? You want to be able to expropriate in the ordinary way instead of under the Water Clauses Consolidation Act?

Mr. Taylor—No, it is for the purpose of confirming the powers that we have. It is a matter of principle.

Mr. Luxton then read the most recent offer made to the city to supply water at 4 cents a gallon.

...day introduce a bill which has a great bearing on your organization, and this goes to prove the great interest he takes in your institute. Now, gentlemen, you are not here to listen to a prolonged address. You are here to transact affairs of paramount importance to the province of B. C. and I trust that the same tolerance will be shown and the same good feeling and moral confidence as have always been shown in the past. We may congratulate ourselves on the presence of Mr. Hodson, who is an expert in the art of dairy farming and who, we hope, will stimulate the growth of this industry in this province, and put British Columbia on a par with the other provinces of the Dominion. I might digress a moment to make an observation. I am, I must say, most grateful to have had the assistance of such a colleague as the minister of agriculture and finance and you must agree with me that as far as the present minister is concerned we have never in the history of this association had a man so thoroughly interested, so in earnest and so practical as Captain Tatlow. (Applause.) If I may say so, I am afraid that sometimes he is more of a farmer than a politician. No man has a stronger desire to help the farmers in every way than my colleague. I may also congratulate you and myself on having the assistance of the officials of the agricultural department. Mr. Palmer has the confidence of the government and in the conduct of their business he and his staff spare no effort. We try to meet the people of B. C. in their wishes and do everything in our power to further their ends. I thank you again for your presence here and hope that your deliberations may be profitable to the province and yourselves. (Applause.)

Minister Tatlow.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow: I have great pleasure in welcoming you all again to Victoria and am especially glad to see such a representative gathering. In the resolutions you passed last year you asked me to have the annual meeting called earlier. For many reasons this was impossible. We wished to reorganize the whole department. There were a great many changes to be made and it was no use your meeting until this was done. Then, Mr. Palmer and myself were in England, and have only returned recently. The re-organization of this department has been in view for some time. We propose to do what we are trying to do in all departments and that is to create departments within departments. These are all presided over by the minister of the department. For instance, live stock and dairy interests come under two separate heads. We will endeavor to have an experienced man at the head of each department. These men will go through the country and give advice and information to farmers. This briefly shows the line I propose to take and we have been very fully occupied with this since our return from England, so it was impossible to call the meeting earlier. In the future you will be asked to meet together as soon as possible after the opening of the session. I will not make any further remarks just now as it is customary to give an address at the close of the meeting, when I take up the resolutions passed. I can only say that speaking for the premier and myself that our heart is in the work we have before us. And we wish to give you all the assistance in our power. I have not had the practical experience I should wish to have but I take a great interest in the work and I have good men to assist me who will show that this department will take as large a place in the affairs of

ORIENTAL TRADE OPEN TO ISLAND GROWERS

Trial Shipment of Fruit Sent to Japan and China Eagerly Taken

That there is a great market open to British Columbia fruit in the Orient is the report which H. Duncan, fruit commission merchant of Vancouver, who went to the Orient two months ago with a sample shipment of Island apples, makes to John Drummond, manager of the Victoria Fruit Exchange. In a letter received by Mr. Drummond this week Mr. Duncan stated that the sample shipment of apples was eagerly taken by merchants in both Japan and China and provided the growers on this side can supply the demand the future shipments will be readily disposed of.

Mr. Duncan is convinced that there is a great market open for British Columbia fruit. The fruit now being sold in the eastern markets is not, he says, anything to compare with the fruit of this province either in quality or method of packing. While he had but a sample shipment of forty boxes everywhere he went he was besieged with questions as to British Columbia's ability to supply larger quantities and all the eastern merchants with whom he came in contact, expressed their admiration of the fruit from this side of the Pacific.

Recently a shipment of 70,000 boxes of apples from Oregon was made by a Seattle firm and all was disposed of. The American growers are energetically pushing this export business and Mr. Duncan points out that there is no reason why the British Columbia grower should not forestall the American grower as the shipment made from this province is much better in quality than that sent from the American side, and yet the latter was quickly disposed of.

The only question is the ability of British Columbia to supply the needs of the Orient. Last year there was great difficulty experienced in supplying the local demand. In fact the Victoria fruit growers' exchange could not fill all the orders received from the Prairie country.

Mr. Duncan points out that while the trade of the east is open to the local growers the demand is such that unless the British Columbia growers can meet it the trade will inevitably go to the American growers. The fruit from this side of the Pacific is wanted and will be readily taken. It is only a question of whether British Columbia can meet the demand.

RAILWAY COMMITTEE

Application of Grand Trunk Pacific is Held Over for Consideration

The railway committee yesterday reserved their decision on the question of the application of the Pacific Northern and Omineca railway for an extension of time. This is a Grand Trunk concern and their solicitor, D'Arcy Tate, assured the committee that the company was not asking for a renewal of the lapsed subsidy. G. W. Van Arsdol, divisional engineer, testified to the [illegible]ngham spoke briefly upon tree spraying and cognate subjects.

A committee upon resolutions, Messrs. Collins, Dilworth and Corbett, was appointed and the convention adjourned for lunch.

Afternoon Session.

J. C. Collins, on behalf of the committee on resolutions, reported against the suggestion to the government on the part of this convention re the engagement of an authority upon the great subject of irrigation, and in favor of the consideration of certain other propositions.

V. D. Curry, of Kamloops, observed that perhaps no one in the room was better acquainted than the chairman with the imperative necessity for careful education being given upon the vital subject of irrigation, as the dry belt, which formed the very heart of the most splendid portions of this province was at the present time barren, and merely in consequence of the deplorable lack of instruction in reference to some intelligent system of irrigation, while he rather strongly criticized the value of much of the information which was received by British Columbia farmers, and particularly those who lived in the interior, from eastern speakers, who were ignorant of local conditions.

Aid to Farmers.

Mr. Corbett stated that they had waited upon the Hon. Mr. Tatlow and represented that owing to the fact in the case not only of the older but also of the newer settlers, of the expensiveness and tediousness of preparing a piece of bushland for cultivation, the government in addition to the supply of stumping powder at reduced rates, should grant a bonus of say $1 a box, and for these reasons, that wholly apart from this saving in the expense, settlers would be materially encouraged by the knowledge that the government was aiding them to overcome their serious and peculiar difficulties. The government would be directly benefited through the receipt of a quicker return in the shape of taxation from the land, which would be earlier brought under cultivation. Mr. Tatlow had thanked them for bringing this matter before him, owing to the circumstance that he had already been considering a slight reduction in the rate of provincial taxation, and had enquired of them whether in their opinion an allowance upon stumping powder would be more popular than such a reduction in taxation. Two of the three members of the committee had most emphatically decided in favor of the bounty upon stumping powder.

Upon motion of Mr. Corbett, seconded by Mr. Phillips, it was resolved to re-affirm the following resolution, which was passed upon this subject last year:

"That in view of the great difficulty and expense connected with the clearing of land in British Columbia, the government be asked to seriously consider the advisability of still further cheapening the cost of stumping powder to farmers, either by a system of rebates, or otherwise, as may be deemed advisable."

Rates on Explosives.

Mr. Palmer remarked that since it had become known that the old double first class rate upon stumping powder was re-established the matter had been taken up by the department with the C.P.R., and he had just received a telegram from Mr. Marpole, conveying the information that Messrs. Peters and Lanigan, C.P.R. officials, would be in Victoria on Monday and Tuesday next, when this subject could be considered, and hence it would be perceived that the department was doing

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Bounty on Coyotes.

Mr. Dilworth, of Kelowna, strongly urged the increase of the bounty upon coyotes to $3 per scalp, owing to the destructiveness of these animals among fowl and sheep, as the present bounty was not quite high enough to encourage young men to hunt out and destroy these pests.

Upon motion of the resolution committee it was resolved that this bounty should be increased to $3 per head.

G. Mathewson, of Okanagan, stated that he lost yearly through coyotes from 100 to 150 chickens, while he was prevented through the same cause from going into sheep, which was perhaps the most profitable industry in the country. Grouse, quail, and prairie chickens were also destroyed, and even in the interests of game preservation it would pay the government to raise this particular bounty to $5 a head.

Mr. Palmer—I may say for the information of the convention that during the year the government has paid out $12,573 in bounties upon wolves, panthers and coyotes.

Upon motion of Mr. Heatherbell, of Metchosin, the government was cordially thanked for the increase of the bounty upon wolves from $7.50 to $15.

Noxious Weeds

Very strong complaint was made that the Canadian thistle pest was made much more prevalent owing to the unrestrained presence of thistles upon Indian reserves, while it was urged that the strict enforcement of the law should be placed directly in charge of the provincial constables.

Upon motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Mathewson, it was resolved that the government be requested to secure the stricter enforcement of the Thistle Act.

Mr. Palmer observed that the department should be kept informed in respect to the non-enforcement of the Noxious Weeds Act in the different parts of the province where this particular pest existed, and especially in the case of unorganized districts.

Mr. Collins brought up the question of the adulteration and the inspection of mill feeds, while Mr. Palmer suggested that the adulteration of foods properly came under the operation of the Dominion authorities.

Mr. Collins remarked that the farmers of the province were being flooded with weed seeds of all kinds through the agency of mill feeds, and in one instance he had in this way discovered three perfectly new weed seeds, although he found that these weeds were abundantly common throughout the east. As it was almost impossible at the present time to purchase really good and pure mill feeds the importance of the question was undeniable.

Mr. Corbett said that the adulteration of these feeds had at the present time become so very extensive that it was almost impossible for any individual to take the matter up with any...

...tors to include among ... inspection of cattle foods.

Mr. Harris—As we have become tired of buying inferior bran, shorts, and other foodstuffs, we have decided at Matsqui to grind them ourselves. We buy the grain for $23, $25 or $27, and by co-operating and by using a chopping mill we prepare our own feeds. Mr. Harris made the further astonishing statement that 16,000 weed seeds had been counted in a single pound of mill feed.

Upon motion of Thos. Corbett, seconded by Mr. Collins, the government was urged to take up the inspection of cattle feeds, either at the mills or at the wholesale houses.

Domestic Science

Mr. Heatherbell, seconded by Mr. Corbett, moved that the government be requested to make every effort to secure lady speakers for attendance at their meetings, in order that questions connected with domestic science might be adequately discussed. The mover of this resolution commented upon the manifest importance of maintaining happiness and comfort in the home through improvement in cookery, as well as in other departments of domestic economy. For if people were happy in their homes, he argued, they would also be happier in their outside relations, while they would also do much better work.

Mr. Corbett remarked that the attendance was vastly improved when addresses were delivered by ladies.

Mr. Harris stated that the addresses by Miss Rose and Miss Maddock had been greatly appreciated at Matsqui, and their meetings had been changed into social gatherings.

R. W. Hodson urged that the meetings of men and of women should be kept separate. It had been found in Ontario that much more good resulted from practical demonstrations of the work which ought to be done than from the delivery of mere lectures, no matter how learned these were.

Mr. Palmer added that the Institutes themselves should assist the department in promoting this improvement, and was further of the opinion that institute work could be better done during the summer months. The object of the department was to use local men at these meetings as far as this was possible. The motion was unanimously carried.

Tree Sprays

Mr. Heatherbell, seconded by Mr. May, moved that the quality of the tree sprays which were upon the market should be brought within the duties of the government inspectors.

Mr. Heatherbell maintained that something should certainly be done in the way of improving the quality of the tree sprays which were upon the market for sale, and held that the growth of good fruit unquestionably meant the careful spraying of the trees.

Mr. May contended for the analysis of these sprays by government officials.

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HINDUS IN COURT

Action Against Bhuta Singh Adjourned For Lack of Counsel

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Mr. Peters in outlining the case said the Hindus had lived in a house at Spratt's wharf and all except Bhuta had been leaving and had sent an expressman for their goods. A dispute arose over the ownership of the stove and a fight ensued in which Santa Singh was injured. Bhuta Singh was prosecuted for assault and was convicted and fined. On Oct. 30, Bhuta Singh laid information in the police court charging the four others with the theft of $30 and a suit of clothes, and on the plaintiffs own evidence they were dismissed. The evidence showed there never was a suit, and it was also shown that Jurget Singh whom he accused of holding him and taking $30 from a breast pocket was not present at the time. After L. J. Seymour, clerk of the police court, had sworn to copies of the information, depositions, etc., from the police court the case was remanded until tomorrow morning.

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DECISION IS RESERVED ON VICTORIA'S BILL

Messrs. Taylor and Luxton Argue Before Private Bills Committee

The proposed amendment to the Victoria Water Works act of 1873 took up the whole of yesterday morning before the private bills committee, the hearing being finally adjourned until this morning at 10.30. There was a long discussion as to clause 2 which is a reaffirmation of the city's powers as originally given, but the decision was reserved by the committee. The rest of the bill was gone through and adopted, with some amendments, with the result that there only remains for consideration some amending clauses sought to be added by E. V. Bodwell, K.C., on behalf of Oak Bay and Saanich. These were not reached yesterday, but will be considered this morning.

At the outset Chairman Ross suggested that the preamble had been sufficiently discussed, and that clause 2, the really contentious section, be taken up. This clause provides that the powers, rights, and privileges conferred upon the city of Victoria by the Water Works act of 1873 and amending acts are ratified and confirmed to the corporation.

Victoria's Contention.

In supporting this clause W. J. Taylor, K. C., said that an important principle was involved with the result that by their decision the committee would have to shoulder the responsibility of deciding whether or no rights conferred on a municipal corporation, not for gain but for the public benefit, should be affirmed or subordinated to later claims of a private corporation organized for gain only. He did not propose to abuse the officers of the Esquimalt Water Works company. On the contrary, he conceded willingly that they were quite entitled to make the best bargain they could for themselves, and similarly those responsible for the conduct of the affairs of the corporation of the city of Victoria were in duty bound to protect to the uttermost the interests of the public which had been committed to their charge.

Counsel said that the point he wished to make was that the city had been granted paramount rights as regards water within an area of 20 miles surrounding the city of Victoria by their act of 1873, and that these rights had been carefully preserved by subsequent legislation. Consequently the committee could have no hesitation in passing the clause asked for, which merely reaffirmed these rights. Reviewing the legislation, Mr. Taylor read from the act of 1873 the powers originally given to the city. The next legislation was the first charter obtained by the Esquimalt Water Works Co. This was granted in 1885, but merely conferred the right to take water from Thetis lake. This lake was at too low an elevation to be of value to the city of Victoria, and so the application was not opposed.

In 1892 the Esquimalt Water Works Co. asked for leave to go to Goldstream. At that time it was admitted that Victoria had paramount rights in that district, and the act passed in that year showed that those paramount rights had not been diminished. Reading from the act he showed that in the preamble it was stated that it was advisable to grant the prayer subject to the rights of the city. Further on in the act, in the operative clauses, the power asked for was given subject to the rights of Victoria. That would seem to be conclusive, but the legislature went still further, and added another clause saying that nothing in the act should be held to limit or derogate from the rights of the city.

City's Rights Preserved.

"In 1892 we admittedly had the right to expropriate these waters, and what is there in the Esquimalt Water Works act to take away that right?" said Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Ross—If you have these rights why do you want legislation?

Mr. Taylor—An opinion has been given by Mr. Davis and Mr. Bodwell and myself to the effect that these rights remain unimpaired in the city, but they have been disputed and may be contested in the courts. Of course it does not follow that the judges will hold the same view that we have taken, though I think that any action started by the water company on these lines would end disastrously. Our chief reason is that the city wants water at once and does not want to be blocked by harassing litigation which might last over two or three years. Also a declaration of this kind at this time would make it easier for us to secure the necessary capital.

Mr. Garden—When was the judgment of the privy council given? Does not that affect it?

Mr. Taylor replied that the decision was given in 1907 but did not touch the point raised in committee, as it was not in issue in that suit. The privy council had held that the Esquimalt Water Works charter was not controlled by the Water Clauses act.

Counsel went on to point out that the legislature had passed another act at the same session as the Esquimalt Water Works Act. This was in amendment of the Victoria Water Works Act of 1873, but the same powers were expressly re-enacted. Thus there could be no question as to the intention of the legislature. The city was not asking for any new or additional powers and the Esquimalt company really had no right to be heard.

Mr. Henderson—If I remember right last year a great deal turned on the form of expropriation which would be used under this clause.

Mr. Taylor—Last year we asked for an express power to tunnel, as it is doubtful whether we have the power to do that. That plan has been abandoned, and we are not asking for that power now.

Mr. Thomson—We offered you the right to tunnel last year.

Mr. Taylor—The right was hedged around with such a number of new obligations that we withdrew the bill. Among them was that if we wanted any of the Esquimalt Water Works property we should have to take it all. We thought that the damage inflicted on the rest of the property by taking any part of it was a question for the arbitrators in fixing the compensation.

Mr. Ross—Would this act improve your situation in regard to litigation?

Mr. Taylor—I think so. It would certainly help us in making our financial arrangements.

Mr. Ross—In that case would it not have a correspondingly bad effect on the securities of the Esquimalt Water Works company?

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Mr. Luxton—Exactly.

Mr. Taylor—We don't want to go to Goldstream, but they have really come between us and Sooke. We wish to go there by pipe line and will not touch their property. Before we can finance the project, we must be able to convince the capitalists that there is nothing to fear.

Mr. Ross—Your idea is that it is very important to consider the capitalist before getting his money, but not afterwards? (Laughter.)

Mr. Taylor—We are not changing the situation, and they invested with their eyes open, and in any event we cannot take anything without paying for it. Their attitude is especially unfair in that the possibility that Victoria may at one time buy their plant is one of their chief assets. But for Victoria their plant would have little value and if we can get our own works it will make that contingency less probable and so reduce the value of their works.

The Company's Position

In reply, A. P. Luxton, K.C., made the point that the capitalist argument cut both ways. This legislation would make it harder for the company to raise money.

If they don't want Goldstream why not insert a clause exempting us?

Mr. Taylor—This council does not want Goldstream but it would not be right to tie the hands of the city for all time to come.

Mr. Luxton's main argument was that the saving clauses in the Esquimalt Water Works company merely had the effect of not shutting the city off from acquiring the water if the Esquimalt company did not take it. The city could have stepped in at any time before the water was utilized. It had not done so and now was debarred. He also referred to the obligation that the company was under to supply the city at 15 months' notice. In order to be able to meet this demand the company had expended $100,000 without any return so far. Mr. Taylor suggested that if this obligation was found onerous a release could be obtained. Mr. Luxton went on to point out that the property was only valuable by reason of the works which had been constructed and with the growth of the district generally the company had a large field open to it quite apart from the city of Victoria.

Mr. Henderson—Is not the real question this, Mr. Taylor? You want to be able to expropriate in the ordinary way instead of under the Water Clauses Consolidation Act?

Mr. Taylor—No, it is for the purpose of confirming the powers that we have. It is a matter of principle.

Mr. Luxton then read the most recent offer made to the city to supply water at 4 cents a gallon.

Senator Macdonald rose to protest against the power to levy a frontage water tax being retained. Taxpayers already paid for the water works as well as the water and the extra tax was unfair.

T. C. Sorby objected to the city being allowed to turn the surplus derived from water rates into the general fund. It ought to be placed to the credit of capital account against renewals. Mr. Raymur informed the committee that the water system formerly ran behind and still owed the city $58,000. It was decided to let the clause stand.

The committee then adjourned, clause 2 being taken under advisement. Mr. Bodwell's amendments will be considered this morning.

EXAMINATION MADE OF COMPANY'S ACCOUNTS

Some Overcharges Made in Cases of Larger Consumers

The following statement was issued yesterday by the local manager of the B. C. Electric company, A. T. Goward, relative to the audit now being made at the company's offices:

The general manager, understanding that there are rumors in circulation here to the effect that the public has not received proper treatment in the matter of charges for electric light and gas, feels it desirable to issue a statement for the purpose of reassuring its customers.

The facts are, that, as a result of a rigorous examination into the company's Victoria accounts, it appears that in a limited number of cases and during the last few months only, overcharges have been made in the accounts of some of the larger consumers, amounting in the aggregate to a total of about $500. For some days past accounts have been in preparation to ascertain the exact amount of the overcharges. The amounts overcharged are being placed to the credit of the persons concerned, and will at once be repaid by the company.

The company much regrets these irregularities which were brought to light by its system of periodical branch examination. The company believes that the officers concerned, Messrs. D. B. Hastie, H. A. Goward, H. G. Bamford and W. F. Adams, were overzealous in its interests, and the investigation serves to show that they did not personally benefit from the irregularities.

A. T. GOWARD,
Local Manager British Columbia Electric Rly. Co., Ltd.

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ORIENTAL TRADE OPEN TO ISLAND GROWERS

Trial Shipment of Fruit Sent to Japan and China Eagerly Taken

That there is a great market open to British Columbia fruit in the Orient is the report which H. Duncan, fruit commission merchant of Vancouver, who went to the Orient two months ago with a sample shipment of Island apples, makes to John Drummond, manager of the Victoria Fruit Exchange. In a letter received by Mr. Drummond this week Mr. Duncan stated that the sample shipment of apples was eagerly taken by merchants in both Japan and China and provided the growers on this side can supply the demand the future shipments will be readily disposed of.

Mr. Duncan is convinced that there is a great market open for British Columbia fruit. The fruit now being sold in the eastern markets is not, he says, anything to compare with the fruit of this province either in quality or method of packing. While he had but a sample shipment of forty boxes everywhere he went he was besieged with questions as to British Columbia's ability to supply larger quantities and all the eastern merchants with whom he came in contact, expressed their admiration of the fruit from this side of the Pacific.

Recently a shipment of 70,000 boxes of apples from Oregon was made by a Seattle firm and all was disposed of. The American growers are energetically pushing this export business and Mr. Duncan points out that there is no reason why the British Columbia grower should not forestall the American grower as the shipment made from this province is much better in quality than that sent from the American side, and yet the latter was quickly disposed of.

The only question is the ability of British Columbia to supply the needs of the Orient. Last year there was great difficulty experienced in supplying the local demand. In fact the Victoria fruit growers' exchange could not fill all the orders received from the Prairie country.

Mr. Duncan points out that while the trade of the east is open to the local growers the demand is such that unless the British Columbia growers can meet it the trade will inevitably go to the American growers. The fruit from this side of the Pacific is wanted and will be readily taken. It is only a question of whether British Columbia can meet the demand.

RAILWAY COMMITTEE

Application of Grand Trunk Pacific is Held Over for Consideration

The railway committee yesterday reserved their decision on the question of the application of the Pacific Northern and Omineca railway for an extension of time. This is a Grand Trunk concern and their solicitor, D'Arcy Tate, assured the committee that the company was not asking for a renewal of the lapsed subsidy. G. W. Van Arsdol, divisional engineer, testified to the expenditure of $250,000 already and stated that it was in the public interest that the work should be completed.

The committee, being doubtful whether the granting of the extension of time might not also mean the renewal of the subsidy, decided to consider the matter and give its decision later. The bill also authorizes the construction of a branch from the Kitsalass canyon up the Copper river to the Telqua.

The bonding privileges asked for by the Hardy bay and Quatsino railway were reduced from $35,000 to $25,000 per mile, with which amendment the bill was reported to the House.

LENTEN SERVICES

Bishop Perrin Preaches Appropriate Sermon on Ash Wednesday

"Once more we are spared to see the first day of another Lenten season," said Bishop Perrin in his sermon in Christ Church Cathedral last evening. "Assuredly it must be inspiring to grasp the fact that upon this self-same day, in the whole western church, the wide-world over, similar services have been held. Now, what does this Lenten fast mean? To repeat prayers in the ordinary services of the day; to drop a small piece of silver into a suppliant's hand, and to deny ourselves, in a certain measure, at all events, appears to be very simple and very easy things indeed to do; but really to pray and really to give alms and really to fast are tasks of the most extraordinary difficulty. Nor can any place be found anywhere in the whole world where more need exists for the strict observance of Lent than right here in this city of Victoria at the present time."

Bishop Perrin said fasting was the outward sign of a deep and sincere inward grief, and a very real grief, for sin; a rending, not of garments, but of hearts. The greatest need of this age, it had been well said, lay in a deeper consciousness of the dreadfulness of sin; while fasting, moreover, by purifying the senses, brought into the soul of man a greater and deeper insight into the real meaning of religion and of faith, enabling man to grasp a finer consciousness of the true realities of existence. But although Christ knocked at the doors of their hearts the tremendous responsibility of listening to His still, small voice, and of opening the doors was wholly placed in their own hands. And they should especially beware of following the terrible example of those concerning whom they were told in the Gospels that they besought Him to depart from their coasts.

Bishop Perrin chose his text from the 58th chapter of Isaiah and from the 16th chapter of Matthew: "Behold ye fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness; ye shall not fast as ye do this day to make your voice to be heard on high. Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? is it to bow down his head as a bulrush and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will they call this a fast; and an acceptable day to the Lord? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry? and that thou bring the poor that was cast out into thy house? and when thou seest the naked that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? And moreover, when ye fast be not as the hypocrites of a sad countenance, for they disfigure their faces that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily, I say unto you, they have their reward."

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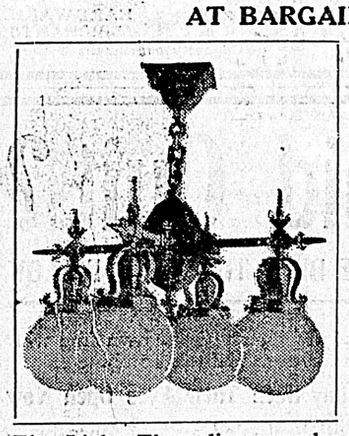

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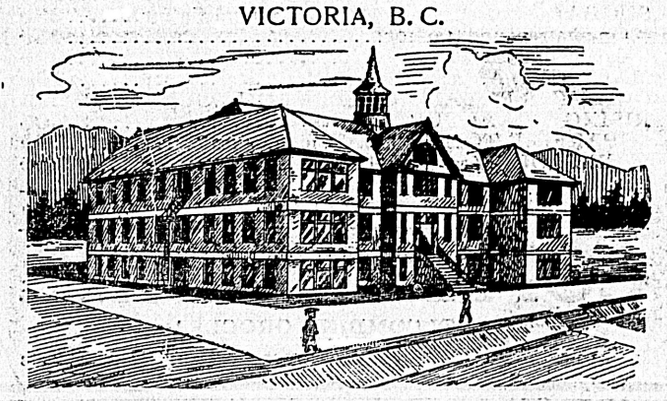

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There is not, it was pointed out, any one body who can deal with this question. By the constitution the Federal government is empowered to make regulations which will, if observed, prevent disease from entering the country.

The provincial governments and the municipalities divide between them the responsibility of making regulations concerning the health of the people who live in it.

It was pointed out by the minister of agriculture that if such a bureau were created its chief function would be in the direction of spreading among the people a knowledge of the laws of health and of sanitary science. Even if this is true the work would be a very important one. The men who in any country investigate the causes of disease, the best methods of cure and the most efficient means of prevention do a great work in nation building.

More important still, perhaps, would be the preparation of works which would set forth in simple language what has been learned concerning the proper care of our bodies. If people were convinced that certain ways of living would keep them well, a large proportion of them would follow those ways. There is no doubt that ignorance is still responsible for many of the ills that flesh is heir to. In the physical as well as in the spiritual world men and women will always sin against light and knowledge. Yet we never think of this as a reason why missionaries and preachers should not strive to enlighten them. Why should there not be teaching as definite as it can be made concerning the laws of health?

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Yet it is surprising how greatly doctors differ among themselves concerning what is needed for our physical well-being. So far as can be learned, they are not agreed upon such simple matters as the kind and quantity of food we should eat, the clothing we ought to wear or the number of hours of sleep we require. The one thing upon which they do agree is the necessity of cleanliness. Pure air, pure water, clean milk, unadulterated food, and houses and streets free from any suspicion of filth with scrupulous personal cleanliness are now insisted upon by every book of hygiene and by every one who pretends to a knowledge of the science of health. How in large cities, or indeed in small ones, that degree of cleanliness needful for health can be secured is a problem that the world is engaged in solving. How can the air of a crowded tenement be pure? By what process can the clothing of the very poor be kept clean? These are questions that baffle the sanitarians and philanthropists of the centres of population. Great advances have been made in the course of the centuries. Diseases which formerly carried off the people by thousands have disappeared and every year is robbing what were looked upon as the most deadly epidemics of their power to destroy human life. That this good work will still go on we may confidently expect.

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In our own city absolute cleanliness should be obtainable. We have in our salt laden air and in the winds that sweep across the water from the Olympian mountains an atmosphere which the forces of nature render pure and wholesome. We have no crowded alleys from which the life-giving light is shut out. Our water is, we are told, free from dangerous impurities and we hope next season that it will be plentiful. The sewerage system, though not complete, is good. Yet no one would speak of Victoria as a city noted for its cleanliness. The officials of the corporation, while perhaps not as energetic or as thorough as they might be, are doing something towards cleaning up the streets, and boulevards are extending in many directions. But until every householder and the owner of every business place in Victoria determines, not only to put his or her premises in order, but to keep them so, the city will not be really clean. This could be done without overworking anybody if we only possessed the public spirit so conspicuous in any city that is really well managed.

If in addition to this individual effort, the powers that be insisted that every owner of an empty lot should either put it in order or pay for doing so the city might, before the beginning of summer present a far neater, and what is far more important, a cleaner appearance.

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The plan taken by Colonel Waring, the first street commissioner of New York, is being adopted in other cities with good results. He formed the school children into juvenile leagues whose duty it was to prevent, observe and report any neglect of sanitation in their several districts. The children entered upon the work with enthusiasm and soon the streets, lanes and yards, as well as the health of the citizens, showed a marked improvement. Whenever the appearance of the city becomes a matter of concern to every man, woman and child in Victoria all things that offend the eye or the senses will be removed and not before. With this removal most of the sickness among the children will disappear. There is no more need for the pupils in our schools to suffer from scarlet fever, diphtheria or even mumps, measles or whooping cough than there was in past centuries for whole countries to be desolated by the plague or cholera. The day has gone by when men believe that these diseases and their like were due to the visitation of God.

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Every one in British Columbia will be glad to see the civil servants fairly and properly provided for when their working days are over. It is important that the public work of the province shall be faithfully and efficiently performed. Perhaps no one who enters the civil service can hope to grow rich. But every one in the employ of the province should earn a sufficient salary to maintain him or her in comfort and respectability. No one will think that the scale of salaries is too high or that promotion is too rapid. Still it is well to know exactly what is to be expected by those who enter upon this work.

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There will be three daily, through, electric-lighted, steam-heated, solid-vestibuled trains between St. Paul-Minneapolis and North Pacific Coast points. These trains will provide standard and drawing room sleeping cars, commodious leather-upholstered tourist sleeping cars, buffet-library-observation cars, new and thoroughly modern day coaches, and exceptionally high-grade dining car service—a la carte.

To equip these trains, brand-new cars of various patterns have been ordered and many of them are already being received from the builders. This equipment is all of particularly strong and heavy steel-framework construction, designed to insure the maximum of safety.

The "North Coast Limited" (Trains 1 and 2), famous as the "Crack Train of the Northwest," will be limited in equipment to seven cars—electric lighted throughout. It will carry first-class sleeping car passengers exclusively, and will also carry, as heretofore, a unique buffet-library-observation car, entirely for the entertainment of patrons. There is in this car a barber, bath room, a valet for pressing garments, library of current fiction, the popular magazines and complete correspondence facilities. Two large enclosed rooms afford quarters for those who desire to smoke, and a well-stocked buffet is one of the pleasant features. Luxurious wicker chairs in the spacious observation parlor, and the recessed platform invite a survey of "the Scenic Highway through the Land of Fortune," as the Northern Pacific styles itself. All cars will be equipped with electric fans and new Carland ventilators.

The eastbound "North Pacific Limited" will provide through standard sleeping car service from Portland, Tacoma, Seattle and Spokane to Chicago. This is an innovation and is designed to particularly appeal to tourists and exposition visitors who will appreciate the convenience of occupying the same car through without change for the trip to Chicago. Eastbound, the "North Coast Limited" will leave the Coast in the morning.

In addition to the "North Coast Limited," Trains 5 and 6—to be known as the "Exposition Special"—will leave St. Paul, westbound, at 9:15 a.m., Seattle, eastbound, at 10:30 p.m. These trains will provide practically the same accommodations and schedule as afforded by the present "North Coast Limited." They will carry standard and tourist sleeping cars, day coaches and dining cars—all electric lighted.

The third train, Nos. 3 and 4—also electric lighted—will leave St. Paul-Minneapolis, westbound, in the evening, and will leave the Coast, eastbound, in the morning, affording convenient service between the many important cities which the Northern Pacific serves. These trains will carry the through sleeping car, which is operated between St. Paul-Minneapolis and Yellowstone Park, in both directions. The eastbound "Exposition Special," Train No. 6, will carry the through sleeping car which is operated from the Coast to Yellowstone Park.

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IMPROVING VICTORIA

The following essay by Albert Mitchell of the South Park school was received the other day and suggests improvements Victoria might receive:

Some Ways to Improve Victoria

Victoria has a number of advantages which if they were looked after would make it even a pleasanter place to live in than it now is. It has a warm climate which is a great deal in its favor. It has some very pleasant places to visit. The Gorge is very beautiful. Plants and flowers will grow outside, nearly all the year.

There are a lot of improvements needed, namely, the streets, boulevards, old buildings, parks and water power. The streets are one of the most important things. When people come off the boat their first thought is "Are there good roads?" They want to be able to go for a drive or a bicycle ride to see the sights, but if the roads are rough or muddy they will go away before they intended to.

After the streets are fixed the boulevards need attention and care. Between the fences and the sidewalks the grass is allowed to grow long in some places. This should be cut and kept neat.

There are a number of old buildings that are a disgrace to the city. In certain parts a person does not like to take his or her friends or a stranger in the city, because of the old and unpainted buildings. A little paint, once in two or three years, makes a great deal of improvement. In front of some very fine houses the people have a high board fence with not a bit of paint on it. Don't you think a hedge would look better?

There should be a large public park where the people could go to play games.

These things would help to improve Victoria.

ALBERT MITCHELL, Age 16.

WOMAN'S WORK

The regular meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary Society, P. R. J. hospital, took place yesterday at the Board of Trade rooms with eight members present. The routine work of the society was considered and arrangements were made to hold the regular sewing meetings at the hospital during Lent every Friday afternoon. A meeting will also be arranged for the canvassing committee at an early date for which each member of the same will be notified.

It was announced that Rear Admiral Evans of the U. S. navy will lecture in Victoria on March 22nd, under the auspices of the Grand Order of Masons, and that it has been decided to give the surplus proceeds (all expenses being paid, to the fund for the maternity ward. The admiral is a fine speaker, and a noted officer and it is hoped that Americans and English will turn out to give him an enthusiastic welcome.

Miss M. F. Wallace was welcomed as a new member of the society. The annual fees will be collected somewhat earlier this year, as it has been decided to hold the annual meeting of the society in May instead of June, as heretofore. All members are asked to have these ready and all desirous of joining the society are asked either to notify the hon. secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary P. R. J. Hospital; to send in the $2.00 by mail, or to attend the next regular meetings of the Sewing committee, which are held every Friday from 2 to 4.30 p.m. at the hospital. A vote of hearty thanks was tendered to Mrs. Hasell, Mrs. Thomas Watson and Mrs. Flewin for assistance rendered as a committee to work with Mr. J. W. Bolden in the interests of the recent entertainment given by the A. O. F. in aid of the Auxiliary funds. Donations of old linen will be thankfully received at the hospital, also plants and shrubs for the garden.

The meeting then adjourned till March 29th.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Take about two and one-half yards of cotton webbing an inch wide and fasten on the lower part of the frame of your sewing machine. This makes the most comfortable footrest and is more handy than a footstool.

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For a handy dish-cloth, take a soft linen towel, cut through the centre, hem the raw edges. Sew a good size pearl button on one corner of each. You will never have to run for a knife to scrape a dish, for you will have the button always in your hand, and they never scratch even silver.

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A good substitute for worn out cane seat in a rocker is made by removing all of the cane seat. Take an old wire clothes line or any soft wire, weave back and forth through the little holes where the cane was removed. Then take a soft pillow and place in rocker and you will have a comfortable chair that will last a lifetime.

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If you have a new patch of wall paper left over to mend an ugly hole or scratch on the wall do not paste the fresh bright colors over the old faded paper, but place the new paper in the sunlight for a few days and it will fade to the color on the wall. Then instead of cutting a square piece as most people do, tear it and paste it on with ragged edges and no one will ever know the difference.

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To keep the yard clean, take an old umbrella with a handle, strip same and sharpen the steel rod. This will make a good paper picker to use around the house and yard. Then take about two yards of chicken wire and coil it round like a barrel, close one end with a piece of the wire. This makes the basket for the paper, and when this wire barrel is filled up turn same upside down and burn, there being no danger of burning paper blowing around, and the barrel will be ready to fill again.

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Buy two blocks of the best magnesia; lay a sheet on the table; spread the skirt of your suit on it; rub into your skirt as much magnesia as it will take. Treat the jacket in the same way. Let the suit be folded in the sheet for a week or more, when it will be ready to brush and press. White felt hats cleaned in this way look like new.

TRIED RECIPES

Clam Broth

Put a dozen well washed clams, in their shells, in a covered saucepan over the fire. When they steam and open, remove them from the shells, saving the juice. Chop the clams, add the juice, and simmer, putting in a little water; after fifteen minutes, strain, add a small cup of rich milk and reheat but do not let it boil. Put a spoonful of whipped cream on top in serving. This may be slightly thickened for a change. Serve with hot crackers.

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Chicken Broth.

Get a small fowl and cut it up; cover with cold water and let it simmer, adding sufficient boiling water form time to time to keep it just covered. After four or five hours, take it up and strain off the liquor let it get perfectly cold and remove all the fat; season with salt and pepper and put it back on the fire if very strong, add a little boiling water; put in it a half-teaspoonful of rice, barley or tapioca and let it just simmer till it is tender and serve; or, when strained, add half as much cream as broth; serve, very hot, with sandwich. When a good sized fowl is used remove part or all of the breast before cooking and chop it; simmer until tender and the water is absorbed and cream it for a second meal. When only part of the broth is used, set the rest with gelatin and make a little mold of jellied chicken by using part of the white meat cooked with it.

Mrs. Trask, the wife of Spencer Trask, of Saratogo and New York, has written a Nativity play which is being given in New York by the Ben Greet Company and will be heard eventually in other cities. It is called "The Little Town of Blethleham."

The play is based on an episode of the life of Christ, but the figure of Christ is never seen on the stage. In the scene of the manger an outhouse of an inn in shown, with the city of Bethlehem in the distance, and through a window, which glows with the holy light, the characters on the stage get a glimpse of the glory within. The play in done in a reverential spirit, and it was received with great interest when it had its first presentation in Brooklyn a few days ago.

Life.

Life! I know not what thou art,
But know that thou and I must part;
And when, or how, or where, we met,
I own to me's a secret yet.
But this I know, when thou art fled
Where'er they lay these limbs, this head,
No clod so valueless shall be,
As all that then remains of me.

O whither, whither dost thou fly
Where bend unseen thy trackless course
And in this strange divorce,
Ah tell where I must seek this compound I?
To the vast ocean of empyreal flame,
From whence thy essence came,
Dost thou thy light pursue, when freed
From matter's base encumbering weed?
Or dost thou, hid from sight,
Wait, like some spellbound knight,
Through blank oblivious years the appointed hour,
To break thy trance and reassume thy power?
Yet canst thou without thought or feeling be?
O say what art thou, when no more thou'rt thee?

Life! we've been long together,
Though pleasant and through cloudy weather;
'Tis hard to part when friends are dear;
Perhaps 'twill cost a sigh, a tear;
Then steal away, give little warning;
Choose thine own time;
Say not good-night, but in some bright clime
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—Ann. Laetitia Barbauld.

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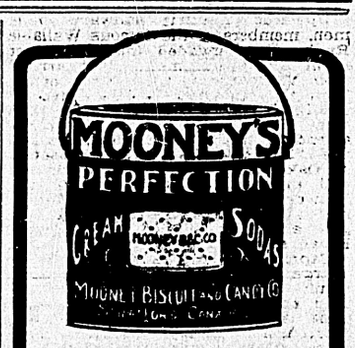

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The Famous Australian Rugby Team Welcomed to City Last Night

TO PLAY MATCH AT OAY BAY

Strong Local Team Will Meet Colonials—How They Take Field

Upwards of thirty stalwart young men, members of the famous Wallable Rugby club, invaded the city last night. They were met on their arrival from Vancouver by a committee of the Victoria association and escorted to the Driard hotel. In the evening they were the latter's guests, the party attending the Victoria theatre where the "Match Maker" was presented. At Oak Bay this afternoon the visitors will meet a combined Victoria and Vancouver fifteen in an exhibition match. At night the local club will give a smoker at the Canada hotel, Broad street.

Capt. W. A. McMahon, who is in charge of the Australian team, as a result of the exceedingly successful tour that he now is bringing to a close, is one of the most widely known sportsmen of the day. During the progress of the Colonials through the Old Country—a trip that was marked by the downfall of the proudest rugby organizations of the different centres at which they stayed long enough to engage in a match—Mr. McMahon was interviewed by practically every newspaper and his remarks were wired broadcast. It might almost be said that his words were hung upon with as much eagerness among sportsmen as those of the president in the United States. His opinion relative to the misunderstanding between the Scottish and English Unions, as a result of which the big international game has been deferred, was that which attracted most attention, it being alleged that it was the presence of the Australians that led to the unfortunate crisis. However, Capt. McMahon is of the opinion that an amicable understanding will be reached on a definite and mutually satisfactory basis and that, after all, the quarrel may prove salutory.

"Not So Bad"

Last night the burly captain stated that, while all the boys had enjoyed their trip, they were glad to have reached the last turn homeward bound. Their record, he naively remarked, was good enough to stand the scrutiny of their friends. To win thirty-two out of thirty-eight matches and of the others to have drawn one, thus suffering only five reverses, was "not so bad."

He stated that though is team had been beaten by Wales he had no hesitation in saying that the hardest match of the whole tour was that in which they engaged against an Army and Navy fifteen at Portsmouth. They had beaten the service team by 11 to 8 points but they had had to fight every inch and were quite ready to leave the field at the call of time.

Popular in States

One of the most enjoyable of their experiences while on the road, Capt. McMahon said, was in California. They had been well treated by the Americans, and the matches they had with them were eye-openers. The Southerners were coming to the front as exponents of the English form of rugby. Of that there could be no doubt. He was of the opinion that the British would entirely supercede the American game in the course of time. He judged this because of the enthusiastic followers it was obtaining on the other side of the line. This not only was the case in California but in many other States as the Wallables had had a budget of invitations to play that could not be accepted, owing to the necessity of their reaching the coast in time to make connection with the steamer Moana which leaves Vancouver for the Antipodes on Friday.

Agreeably Surprised

In reference to the play of the British Columbia teams, Capt. McMahon had not much to say except that he had been agreeably surprised at the first class effort the combined teams had made against the Wallabies in Vancouver last Saturday. Of course in his opinion, there was room for immense improvement in many ways, but he begged leave to reserve any further criticism until after today's match when he would be in a better position to form judgment. He affirmed that he had promised Manager Moresby, of the Victoria club, that he would request Mr. Griffin, one of his best forwards, to give the local pack a few pointers in formation and heeling immediately after the game this afternoon.

Today's Match

The teams will take the field at 3.30 o'clock, and W. C. Moresby will act as referee. A general admission of 50 cents including the grand stand will be charged and children will be admitted free. It is anounced that the membership tickets will not be honored at the gate on this occasion. In all probability there will be a crowd in attendance, many of the merchants have announced their intention to close up shop in order that they and their employees may witness the contest.

For the smoker to take place in the evening a limited number of tickets have been issued. They may be obtained from the following: Messrs. Julier, Spalding, Newcombe, Moresby and Monteith.

Personnel of Teams

Here is the line-up of the competing teams:

Wallables—Parkinson, Prentice, McCabe, Carroll, McKivott, Woods, Barnett, Hammond, McArthur, Middleton, McCue, Gavin, Row, McMurtrie, and Carmichael.

B. C.—Lowry, Meredith, McLorg, Brydone-Jack, Yates, Ellis, Newcombe, Sweeney, Arbuckle, Hopgood, Graham, Spencer, Milligan, Bryan and Gale.

Rev. W. G. W. Fortune, preaching in Calgary, declared that there would be no curling in heaven. The other place not being feasible on account of climatic conditions, the brithers of the stone can hardly be blamed for making the most of present opportunities—Cranbrook Herald.

VICTORIA Y. M. C. A. DEFEATED TACOMA

American Basketball Team Snowed Under in Fast Match Last Night

The Victoria Y. M. C. A. has a close grip on the internationl basketball league championship. Last night in a remarkably fast exhibition before a large and excited crowd at Assembly hall, they gave Tacoma's quintette a severe drubbing, finishing with a score of 35 to 19 points. This practically is the last work of the series for, though Vancouver has yet to play the locals on their own floor, the result cannot effect the standing of the series.

The game between Victoria and Tacoma was the best in many respects that has been here this season. In the opening half the rivals played most evenly. First one and and then the other plunked the ball into the basket and the score advanced so slowly and was so nicely divided that it was impossible to form any opinion as to the probable result. One minute the Americans appeared to outclass the home team in combination, shooting and everything else. Then, presto change! The shoe was on the other foot, either "Bob" Whyte or McKitrick being busy aiming hot shot at the Tacoma basket and, by-the-way their efforts usually were attended with success. Then the usual intermission arrived but two points separated the teams and the margin was in favor of the visitors.

There was a difference in the second half. Then the locals set a humming pace. Their combination after the first few points were made was of the whirlwind character. Not a minute were the Tacoma boys in it; in fact they had but two or three chances to take a shot on the basket apart from the penalties. The gallant trio comprising Messrs. Petticrew, Whyte and McKitrick were on the attack most of the time. Their passing was assisted materially by Mason and Rockamp who when necessary, broke away from their guards and came forward. After the initial ten minutes of the last period it became a question of how many the Victoria team would be able to run up in the last limit and the total indicates that they did fairly well.

N. Ellis, of Seattle made an efficient referee.

The personnel of the competing teams and the individual scores follow:

Tacoma—Guards, Kent (2. and Collier (2); centre, Haddew 7); forwards, Mills (2) and Cook (6).

Victoria—Guards Mason and Roskamp; centre, Petticrew (6); McKitrick (14) and Whyte (15.

ESQUIMALT TO PLAY VICTORIA UNITED

First Local Soccer Match of Island Senior League Series Saturday

The first local match of the Island senior soccer league will be played on Saturday, the competing teams being Victoria United and Esquimalt. Last Saturday the latter went to Nanaimo and were defeated by the premier eleven of that city. But the contest, while its outcome wasn't favorable to the visitors, gave them some experience, the effect of which should be apparent in the struggle against the local representatives. The latter, however, have been training some and are said to be ready for the fray and confident of the result. The gam will take place at the Oak Bay grounds.

Alex. Peden, the president of the Victoria United club, thinks the prospects are roseate. He said yesterday that he was convinced that if the men whom he had assembled entered into the forthcoming race in all seriousness they would have no difficulty in raising the cup. He pointed out that the United eleven includes the majority of the members of the celebrated Victoria West team and that, in addition, the best men of the several other aggregations that participated in the local district series. What was needed was faithful practice and his energies were going to be devoted to endeavor to make the players "toe the mark" in this respect. If he was successful that Victoria-United would be the club called on to meet Vancouver in the Island's behalf in the British Columbia championship match was assured.

BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Wind Up Meeting of Victoria Association Takes Place This Evening

The Victoria Basketball league will hold a meeting at the Y.M.C.A. rooms, Broad street, this evening. It is proposed to wind up the business of the season. While it is practically assured that the senior championship will fall to the Y.M.C.A., the intermediate to the North Ward and the junior to the Y.M.C.A. there are a number of protested, postponed and defaulted games that have to be dealt with. These matches will be taken up and arranged as the evidence dictates. The question of purchasing medals for the winners also will be considered. It is hoped that every organization represented in any of the series will send delegates to participate in the proceedings.

CIVILIAN RIFLEMEN TO MEET TONIGHT

Members New Association Will Assemble at City Hall—Important Business

Those who have signified their intention of becoming members of the Civilian Rifle association will assemble at the city hall tonight for the purpose of completing organization in such shape that they may be able to procure necessary rifles from the Dominion government. It appears that each man must sign on in triplicate before a justice of the peace to comply with the federal regulations. The officials needed and the forms required will be brought to tonight's gathering, so that those who attend may be able to take the steps indicated without delay. Under the circumstances the more who attend the more expeditiously will the business outlined be dealt with. Other matters will come up for consideration.

LONGBOAT DECLINES

Will Not Meet Shrubb in Fifteen-Mile Race at Buffalo—Dorando Takes His Place

Buffalo, N.Y., Feb. 24.—Tom Longboat, the Marathon champion, has finally declined to meet Shrubb here tomorrow night in a fifteen-mile race, and it is announced that Dorando will be substituted for him.

Old Country Football.

London, Feb. 24.—In replayed cup ties this afternoon, Burnley defeated Tottenham, Hotspurs by 3 goals to 1 and Newcastle won from Westham by 2 goals to 1. In the Southern league the following matches were played on the grounds of the first named club: Exeter 1, Queens Park Rangers 0; Brightan 1, South End 0; Watford 1, Millwall 0.

EVEN THE PRINTERS HAVE BECOME BOWLERS

Fascinating Indoor Pastime is the Rage—A Merchants' League Established

Not a day passes but it adds at least one to the number of young Victorians who actively pursue the fascinating indoor pastime—bowling. It is some years since the game became the vogue in the effete east but not until about twelve months ago were the local sportsmen given the chance of learning something of its indefinable attraction. Then alleys were established here. A few days after that event the constant boom of falling "pins" proclaimed the success which had followed the enterprise of the individual referred to. And now there is scarcely anyone of athletic inclinations who has not tried his hand at rolling "just to see what it is that keeps otherwise sane men going to the parlors night after night." There are but few instances recorded where men tempted to that extent have not been caught in the mesh and developed into either average players or have so far acquired proficiency as to have their names emblazoned on the blackboards as having made so much above the two hundred mark.

Even the Printers.

It would be hard to find more striking evidence of the game's magnetic power than the picture of members of the printing fraternity spending their few spare moments knocking down ten or five pins while a stoical Jap methodically replaces them to allow the "next" to get in his crack. As a rule the "printer chaps" are of a most matter-of-fact frame of mind and in their own words these "new fangled ideas of sport" are not rated very highly by them. But in this instance they have fallen from grace and alas, are among the most prominent figures at both the Elite and Douglas street alleys whenever they have half an hour "off" or there happens to be an especially important match in progress.

A Strong Team.

However, there is one feature about the whole deplorable circumstance and that is that the printers have been able to assemble a team of which they are proud and which, to be frank, will need some handling before it is "turned down." The other night they defeated the representatives of Pither & Leiser's establishment who are no weaklings, let it be understood. The latter fought pluckily and, had they been able to run up a higher score than the printers, doubtless would have been unanimously proclaimed the winners. But that was where they "fell down." The prints were too much for them, and the touted merchants bit the dust while the former, robust and triumphant, metaphorically lightly placed one foot on their prone bodies and waved high the banner of victory.

Merchants' League.

To hold the enviable position they have attained the printers will have to meet various teams. A merchants' league has been formed and it is reported that there are a large number of entries. Everyone of those quintettes are after the scalps of the smiling champions while the latter are eagerly looking forward to meeting their next five victims. It must not be thought that the printers have allowed their ascension to supreme power to "turn their heads." That is not the case by any means. Naturally they are of a most modest and retiring disposition, only they think their prospective opponents are not in their class.

CALCUTTA TROPHY GOLF FOURSOMES

Arrangements Made For Victoria Club Cup Competition

Arrangements have been made by the executive of the Victoria Golf club for the playing of the Calcutta handicap foursomes. The positions of the various competitors have been fixed by taking one-quarter the difference of medal handicap allowances in holes up; one-half hole to count and smaller fractions to be eliminated, while in the case of a halved match of more holes to be played on half handicaps any fraction to count. The first round the officials state must be completed by the 8th of March, while all subsequent up to the final games will have to be played before the 22nd of the same month.

The Draw.

Appended is the complete draw:

Bye—A. T. Goward, P. Criddle.

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J. P. Babcock,

H. Martin,
P. Oldham.

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C. W. Rhodes,

C. J. Prior,
F. J. Fulton.

D. R. Irvine,
C. A. Holland,

E. V. Bodwell,
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R. H. Pooley,
McI. Campbell,

L. A. Genge,
S. Martin.

G. C. Johnston,
A. S. Robertson,

H. D. Twigg,
F. M. Rattenbury.

A. W. Jones,
A. P. Luxton,

R. H. Swinerton,
D. M. Rogers.

W. H. Ricardo,
T. B. Pemberton,

G. Bird,
F. M. Reade.

Tom Longboat may have lost another manager. However, the daily despatches from Deseronto would indicate that the Marathon champion instead, has procured a press agent who takes his principal talk like the education he was promised in Toronto.

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"THE CATSPAW"

Amateur Performance in St. John's Hall Proves Great Success

The large audience which filled St. John's hall on Tuesday evening when the second performance of the original three-act comedy-drama "The Catspaw," by Noel Robinson, was given, gave the play a very appreciative reception. The production went with a swing throughout and was an immense improvement on Monday night. All taking part acted with confidence. The presentation occupied two and a half hours. The play, which was a distinctly difficult one for amateurs, being full of strong and emotional situations, is cleverly constructed and brightened by plenty of comedy and not a little wit. The last act is, perhaps, hardly as strong as the others. The action centres round the efforts of a company promoter to use his friend, a young baronet, as his catspaw before the public and involve him in a company swindle and at the same time to ruin his moral reputation in the eyes of the girl he loves. The refusal of the baronet to sacrifice his honor, even though he may win the girl by so doing, supplies the moral of the play, which was very happily cast. In the trying role of heroine, Miss Glen Switzer, as Kitty Hathaway, looked very pretty, and, as usual, her acting was delightful. The author sustained the role of the young baronet, Sir Paul Forster, very naturally, and, in the strong scene in the garden at at the end of the second act where he forces from his friend the confession that the company is a swindle, both Mr. Robinson and Mr. Felix McManus (Richard Calthorpe) were admirable. Mr. McManus was capital throughout. The feature of the acting of Mr. T. B. Pemberton (Kitty's father, Philip Hathaway, and a rather bored man of the world) was its naturalness and Mrs. Pemberton and Miss Mildred Sweet (Lady Margaret Hathaway), a society woman, were responsible for some excellent acting. As Major Brownjones, Mr. Thos. Ard could hardly have been bettered, and, whenever the mayor appeared, there was a ripple of mirth. His was a typical study of a retired Indian army major, and he was well supported by Miss Bone, who, as Miss Brownjones, spoke her lines clearly and well. One of the successes of the evening was the playing of Miss Gilda Leary in the very difficult and tragic role of Caroline Hart. Plenty of humor was supplied by Miss Viola Switzer (a saucy housemaid), and Mr. T. Mason (an illiterate butler), and Mr. G. C. Etheridge (a typical coster), all of whom made the most of the ridiculous plot which they concoct.

The success of the performance was largely due to the careful coaching of the Rev. A. J. Stanley Ard. A pleasing feature of the evening was the tastefully played selections of Mr. W. G. Plowright's mandolin orchestra. The play was very effectively put on, the large stage affording plenty of accommodation, and the garden scene looked particularly well. The proceeds will go towards reducing the debt upon the hall.

NORTH WARDS LEFT ON TOUR YESTERDAY

Local Intermediate Basketball Team Will Play Vancouver, Seattle and Tacoma

The North Ward intermediate basketball team left for Vancouver on a tour of Vancouver, Seattle and Tacoma, at each of which cities they will meet representatives of different athletic organizations, last night. Their first match will be against the Vancouver Athletic association this evening. On Friday night they will play Seattle and on Saturday their opponents will be a Tacoma quintette. Just who they will be pitted against in Seattle hasn't yet been settled but it is practically assured that some five will be assembled to meet them on their way through that city. The Wards are confident that they will be able to establish a good record in these away-from-home matches. So far they have done well indeed, having gone through the Victoria intermediate series without a reverse, thus carrying their banner to the championship absolutely unsullied. The boys will be in charge of Stanley Anderson and the personnel of the team follows: Guards, Brynjolfsen and Menzies; centre, Dakers and Johnson; forwards, Baynes and McGregor.

GRILSE PLENTIFUL

Sportsment Obtain Splendid Baskets on Saanich Inlet

The fishing on Saanich Inlet is improving every day. During the past week many of the local piscatorial artists have taken advantage of the excellent sport offered. Almost all returned with something to show and a few had their baskets completely filled. The grilse run is continuing, while there appear to be quite a number of spring salmon in those waters. Both of these varieties have figured in several of the catches reported. It is understood that Saturday's E. & N. train will take an exceptionally large contingent to the 17-Mile post, where they will strike the inlet, and where boats are obtainable.

Frank A. Gotch, the champion wrestler, is in Montreal engaged in theatrical work. An exchange states that he is "looking as fit as a fiddle and even a bit more of the heavy swell that he did when he was in Montreal last."

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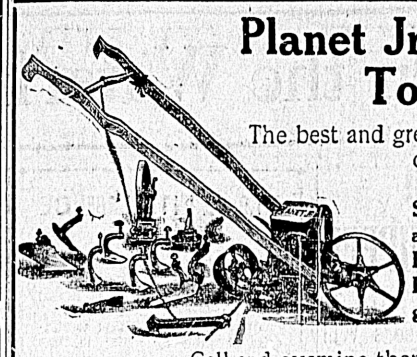

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BURN'S AGGRESSOR IN THE BIG MATCH

Canadian Appeared Strong at Finish, According to the Moving Pictures

London, Feb. 22.—The films of the Burns-Johnson fight at Sydney, Australia, December 26 last, were shown for the first time some weeks ago to the American correspondent at the National Sporting Club. The exhibition has greatly boosted the stock of Sam Langford, who will meet the heavyweight champion here in the near future. The films are most clear, indeed the very best that have been seen here. Every blow may be distinctly followed. The sunny smile of Johnson is everywhere evident. Even the movements of his lips as he chaffed Burns are plainly visible.

Still it was the consensus of expert opinion that the fight was a most wretched affair that it would not have gone more than ten rounds in England owing to the constant clinching and holding. Contrary to reports from Australia, Johnson did not stand off and fight, as has been believed. He always kept at close quarters, and indeed was most rough at this style. It was in the clinches that the negro got in his most damaging blows.

Burns was always the aggressor and always outboxed Johnson. But he played into his man's hands from the very start. The Canadian foolishly tried to match his strength and weight against that of the colored fighter. He would come to close quarters and slug away, toe to toe. It seemed as if the "kidding" of Johnson made Burns so furious that he lost all judgment.

Burns Looked Strong.

There seems some mystery as to why the fight should have been stopped. Despite the knockdown in the fourteen round Burns seemed strong and able to continue. Referee McIntosh here, however, claims that the Canadian could not possibly have lasted another round. He says, as the pictures show, that Johnson could not land at long range, but that he simply "ripped him up' every time Burns would close with him.

MAY RACE ON COAST

Longboat and Appleby Likely to Compete in Marathon at Vancouver

There is a chance that Tom Longboat, the noted Indian runner, and Fred Appelby, the English champion long distance runner who is to enter the professional ranks soon, may measure strides in Vancouver over the full Marathon course. George A. Parker, manager for Appleby, telegraphed Mr. Con Jones, asking him to make a bid for the race. Mr. Jones replied yesterday that he would give the runners 95 per cent of the net receipts. If the runners do not want a big guarantee they may accept this and the great race would be held here. It would, of course, draw a record crowd.

New Vancouver Building.

Vancouver, Feb. 23.—An eight storey building, to be known as the Exchange building, is to be erected on the lot adjoining the Province office on Hastings street. The contract will soon be awarded, as the details are practically completed. The owners are J. S. Helyer, E. W. MacLean, J. W. Weart, and others. J. S. Helyer has completed the drawing of the plans, which show that the structure will be one of the most attractive in the city. The estimated cost is $65,000. A feature of the structure will be a floor for a stock exchange.

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On the Waterfront

EMPRESSES TO BE EQUIPPED

Marconi Co.'s Engineers Will Install Wireless Apparatus on White Liners

ARE ON THEIR WAY HERE

Empress of China Will Be First to Equip—Messages Can Be Sent 500 Miles

When the Empress of China, which is expected at Victoria about March 10, being delayed at Kobe owing to a slight accident, reaches Vancouver, she will be equipped by the Marconi wireless apparatus of higher power than any now used by any of the trans-Pacific liners. The company's engineers are now on their way to Vancouver to make the installation. With the apparatus to be placed on the Empress of China, Empress of Japan and Empress of India, the white liners of the C. P. R. will be able to send messages to any ship or point within 500 miles of the ship, an eighth of the distance across the Pacific. Should any emergency arise necessitating a report being transmitted, the steamer will be able to summon assistance at even greater distances. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha line is the only service at present equipped, running from British Columbia or Puget Sound, the apparatus placed on board being the Tenshinro, a Japanese variation of the Telefunken.

Some years ago the C.P.R. made arrangements with the Marconi company to equip the Empress steamers, and about the same time the company was negotiating with the federal government for the equipment of land stations by the company on the British Columbia coast. The government refused to continue the arrangements made with the Marconi company, and established its own stations. The matter of equipping steamers was temporarily set aside owing to the Marconi regulations forbidding interchange of messages with other than Marconi stations, an arrangement to which the C.P.R. refused to agree, and the installation has been deferred until now in consequence. The first steamer to be equipped with wireless telegraphic apparatus in the merchant service on this coast was the Camosun, on which the Marconi apparatus was installed, but it was never used, being taken out some years ago.

VADSO WILL SAIL NORTH AGAIN TONIGHT

St. Denis Will Not Be Ready Until Thursday Next—Will Maintain Weekly Schedule

The steamer Vadso of the Boscowitz Steamship company, which reached port yesterday from northern British Columbia ports after discharging a part cargo of lumber on the mainland will sail for the north again tonight, instead of the St. Denis. Some alterations are being made to the new steamer and it was found impossible to get the steamer ready to leave tonight as had been planned. The Vadso will sail in her stead and the St. Denis will sail next Thursday. Thereafter the Boscowitz Steamship company will maintain weekly schedule, with sailings every Thursday.

SCHEDULE FOR THE NEW JAPANESE LINE

Tacoma Maru Will Arrive July 19 on Voyage Inaugurating the New Service

Mails from the Orient bring an official schedule of the steamship line to be inaugurated this summer by the Osaka Shosen kaisha. The schedule states that the first steamer of the new line to arrive will be the Tacoma Maru, which will leave Hongkong on June 17, Yokohama July 3, and arrive on July 19. The Tacoma Maru will leave Tacoma on her return to the Orient on July 31.

Following the Tacoma Maru at intervals of about two weeks apart, will come the chartered steamer Strathearn and the Chicago Maru. These vessels will be the only ones completed by that time, but on the third trip of the steamers to America the chartered steamer will be replaced by the Panama Maru, which will have been completed by that time. As fast as the other vessels of the fleet, numbering six in all, are finished and ready for service, they will be put in commission. As soon as all of the vessels are in service on the new run a permanent schedule will be established and regular passenger and freight service will be maintained.

The other vessels of the fleet, all of which are expected to be in commission by the first of next year at latest, are the Canada Maru, Mexico Maru and Seattle Maru, which latter was originally to have been called the Suez Maru. All six steamers are of 6000 tons gross, with a displacement of 11,500 tons and are equipped for both passenger and freight service.

The steamer Col. E. L. Drake, which passed up to Seattle yesterday, from Point Richmond with a cargo of oil, reported by wireless having lost two blades from her propeller while off Cape Blanco.

D. McKenzie, general agent at Seattle for the Pacific Coast Steamship company, has resigned and will be succeeded on March 1 by E. C. Ward. Mr. McKenzie is one of the best known shipping officials on the coast. On July 15, 1905, he succeeded Marcus Talbot as assistant general agent of the steamship company. He served in this capacity until J. E. Pharo resigned as general agent, early in 1906, and since then he has held that position. Mr. Ward has been associated with the Harriman steamship lines at San Francisco.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE

Special to the Colonist

Tatoosh, 8 a.m.—Rain, wind southeast, 5 miles an hour. In, steamer Col. E. L. Drake.

Tatoosh, noon—Wind southeast, 24 miles an hour. In, the steamer Yeddo, at 11 a.m.

Port Crescent, noon—In, the steamer Selja, at 10.40 a.m.

Tatoosh, 6 p.m.—Cloudy, wind southeast, 8 miles an hour.

By Wireless.

Cape Lazo, 8 a.m.—Raining, calm, thick; wind southeast. Bar. 29.80, temp. 39. Smooth sea.

Point Grey, 8 a.m.—Raining, cloudy, thick; wind southeast. Bar. 29.82. Sea moderate.

Tatoosh, 8 a.m.—Rain, wind southeast, 15 miles an hour. Bar. 29.78, temp. 39. Moderate sea. Passed in, a steamer, at 8 a.m.

Estevan, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, light southeast breeze. Bar. 29.82. Sea moderate.

Pachena, 8 a.m.—Rain. Bar. 29.83, temp. 39. Sea moderate.

Cape Lazo, noon—Cloudy and calm. Bar. 29.80, temp. 50. Sea smooth. Passed north, steamer probably the Princess May. Spoke steamer Pennsylvania off Chatham point, southbound.

Point Grey, noon—Light rain, cloudy; thick seaward. Bar. 29.80.

Tatoosh, noon—Wind southeast, 13 miles an hour. Bar. 29.72. Passed out, a schooner, at 11.30 a.m. Passed in, the steamer Yeddo, at 11.30 a.m.

Estevan, noon—Cloudy, light southeast breeze; calm. Bar. 29.76.

Pachena, noon—Light rain, southeast breeze. Bar. 29.70. Moderate swell.

Cape Lazo, 6 p.m.—Part cloudy, wind southeast. Bar. 29.75, temp. 48. Sea smooth. At 5 p.m., south, steamer Pennsylvania.

Point Grey, 6 p.m.—Part cloudy, wind southeast. Bar. 29.72, temp. 45. Empress of Japan out at 3.05. In, a small two-masted schooner.

Tatoosh, 6 p.m.—Cloudy, wind south, 9 miles an hour. Bar. 29.77, temp. 44. Southwest swell. No shipping.

Pachena, 6 p.m.—Cloudy, a light southeast wind. Bar. 29.67, temp. 43. Sea smooth. No shipping.

Estevan, 6 p.m.—Clear, light easterly wind. Bar. 29.79, temp. 48. Heavy swell. No shipping.

SALVAGE CLAIM ON SCHOONER MELROSE

Puget Sound Tugboat Co. Asks $5,000 for Taking Vessel From Position

Some interesting points are expected to be brought up in a salvage case which has arisen as a result of a claim brought by the Puget Sound Tugboat company for $5,000 on account of the services rendered by the tug Tyee in towing the schooner Melrose from a dangerous position into which she was blown during a strong gale on January 19 inside the Brotchie ledge beacon and near the Dallas road foreshore. The Melrose sailed up the straits during the night having her canvas blown away and a boom broken and blown before the wind she brought up to an anchor well inside Brotchie ledge, off the Dallas road foreshore, and Capt. McCarron and the second officer came ashore, the captain remaining ashore until nightfall. When the news of the predicament of the Melrose was reported the tug William Jolliffe, of the B. C. Salvage company, went out and offered assistance which was not taken. The salvage tug was tied up at the outer wharf and stood by all day in case her services should be required. Meanwhile, Capt. McCarron, who remained in the city, went to the agents of the Puget Sound Tugboat company to arrange for the coming of the tug Tyee, which had been ordered from Port Townsend for the schooner. When the Tyee arrived the wind had increased, and it was necessary to have the assistance of the salvage tug William Jolliffe to work the Melrose from her dangerous position. This was done by the William Jolliffe being taken out and anchored to steady the Tyee which made a line fast to the William Jolliffe and put another line on the Melrose. Capt. McCarron meanwhile was not on board and he asserts now that the Tyee took hold of his schooner against his orders. It was stated at the time that salvage claims had been preferred against the Melrose and the vessel was delayed here until the next morning when arrangements were made to release her and she proceeded to Port Townsend.

On Monday a U. S. marshal served a warrant issued by the admiralty court at Seattle on the Melrose which had been libelled by the tugboat company for $5,000, the schooner being loaded with lumber and ready to start for Guaymas. Rothchild & Co., Port Townsend agents of the Coast Shipping company, have engaged counsel to defend the suit, it being held that as the schooner had a contract with the tugboat company she was entitled to all service that did not endanger the safety of the tug.

The steam whalers Orion and St. Lawrence are being overhauled at Esquimalt to be made ready for the coming season's business from the whaling stations at Sechart and Kyuquot of the Pacific Whaling company. It is expected that work will be commenced on the west coast this season about the middle of next month.

The Simpson lumber company is reported to have sold its schooner Repeat to Captain J. McKenna who will convert her into a whaler at San Francisco. The vessel will be equipped with gasoline engine and outfit for a voyage to the Arctics. So far as is known this is the only vessel which will go on whaling cruises in the Arctic this season.

BUSY DAY AT THE OUTER WHARVES

Two Blue Funnel Liners and Empress of Japan Dock—Many Other Arrivals

Yesterday was a busy day at the outer wharf, and there were several arrivals of freighters from the ocean. There were two Blue Funnel liners, the Cyclops and Keemun, at the outer wharf, and the R.M.S. Empress of Japan, sailed from the outer wharf for Hong Kong and the usual ports of call. The Norwegian steam freighter Christian Bors arrived from Guaymas after an uneventful trip to load bunker coal and the Yeddo and Selja, two big freighters, the former being used in the Australian Mail line and the latter was recently chartered for delivery at Portland to be used for the Pacific Mail Steamship company between Portland and Hong Kong. The Christian Bors had an uneventful trip from Mexico. The Yeddo is from Australia via San Francisco. The Selja is bound to Shanghai with lumber from Portland and will proceed to the far eastern port after coaling.

The big Blue Funnel liners Cyclops, Capt. Harris, and Keemun, Capt. Conradi, came from Tacoma, the former outbound for the far east and Liverpool and the latter returning from Tacoma to discharge 1,250 tons of general freight for local consignees, and she is expected to proceed to Vancouver today to unload 3,000 tons of steel rails and about as much general freight as is being landed here. The Cyclops is loading 150,000 feet of lumber being shipped by the Cameron Lumber company for Hong Kong, 1,100 tons of salt herring, shipments of whaleoil, salt and canned salmon and general merchandise, and when she sails from the outer wharf tonight homebound to Liverpool via the usual ports of call she will have a cargo valued at over half a million dollars, including flour, cotton, salmon and varied merchandise.

An interesting shipment taken by the Cyclops was fifteen boxes of household effects, consisting of furniture and other goods bought in the United States by Tang Shao-yi, the Chinese special ambassador sent to Washington to thank the United States government for the refund of the Boxer indemnity who is returning to Pekin via Europe, having been recalled following the dismissal of his friend and patron Yuan Shih Kai.

The largest part of the steamer's cargo is from British Columbia ports. At Tacoma the steamer loaded 27,497 barrels of flour, 300 bales of cotton, 30,000 feet of decking, tallow, hops, twine and machinery. Her largest shipments are of fish both salt and canned salmon and salt herring. She has 23,000 cases of salmon, and several thousand tons of salt herring, brought from Nanaimo to Victoria, Vancouver and Tacoma for loading by the fleet of small freighters plying from the coal port with the catches of the herring fishers. There were fifty Chinese steerage passengers on the Cyclops from this port.

EMPRESS OF JAPAN SAILS FOR YOKOHAMA

Victorians Among Passengers Bound to the Orient—Took Flour for Japan

The R.M.S. Empress of Japan sailed for the Orient last night carrying a full cargo of general merchandise, included among the shipments being a large consignment, 56 tons, of lead from Trail for Kobe. There is also a shipment of 400 tons of Canadian flour for Japan.

Among the passengers there are three Sisters and three Fathers, who are sailing for the Caroline islands, where they will take up missionary work, and Mrs. Leiser and Herbert Leiser, and J. G. Porter and son of this city. The following is the list of those in the saloon: Sisters M. Adalina, M. Natalia, M. Scholastica, Major and Mrs. A. T. Hughes, Revs. P. V. Dufner, J. Fisher, George Schmitt, Mr. and Mrs. Schollenberg, Master Schollenberg, Messrs. F. M. Barr, W. J. Fordney, W. Hilton, William Purdem, A. Y. White and George Wo.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY AS A LIFE-SAVER

Instances During Last Year in Which Rescues Were Effected By Its Aid

The value of wireless telegraphic apparatus as a life-saver and as a means of securing early assistance for steamers in distress has been amply demonstrated in the waters of the North Pacific during the past few months and the general public, and more especially that portion which goes down to the sea in ships, will welcome the universal use of wireless by shipping. The C.P.R. is making a series of tests of the apparatus before making any definite arrangement with any of the many companies offering to equip its vessels and it will probably be some months before the B. C. fleet is equipped, the first steamer to receive the apparatus being the Princess May on which a house has been built to be furnished as a station for the operator. The first steamer equipped on this coast in commercial use was the steamer Camosun, and the apparatus placed on her was never used, owing to the Marconi company which equipped the vessel refusing to allow intercommunication with other than Marconi stations and none of that company's stations were provided.

On the Atlantic the apparatus has been in use for ten years, and since the story of the Republic and the part wireless telegraphy played in the saving of those on board has been told attention has been called to other rescues in the Atlantic last year, some of which have been thrilling.

On February 4th, last year, the St. Cuthbert, bound from Antwerp for New York, with a cargo of oil, matches and rags, caught fire about 3 o'clock in the morning while in latitude 42 17 north, longitude 62 47 west. Although every effort was made to quell the flames, the quarters of the captain and the other officers were burned within ten minutes after the fire was discovered. Fourteen lives were lost, but the survivors were picked up in an open boat by the White Star line steamer Cymric, whose captain sent a complete wireless report to Massachusetts.

January 3, 1905—The Pilgrim reported that it had run down a schooner on the Sound, and asked that a tug be sent to the rescue.

February 5—Lightship No. 66 wires that she was jammed in the ice and in a dangerous position off Dumpling Rocks. The Hist was sent to her assistance and the lightship was saved.

March 31—The Manitou was reported with a thrust shaft fractured and the report was forwarded to the ship's agents.

June 1—The station notified the lightship on Nantucket shoals to watch for a motorboat adrift.

August 20.—A message was received from the lightship that the British steamer Korrania had her low pressure piston broken, and the news was forwarded to the agents. The Chattanooga on the same day reported that she had passed a sunken wreck, dangerous to navigation, and the news was given through the wireless station to the press, the hydrographic office and navigators.

September 21—German oilship Phoebus reported that she had been in collision with an unknown steamer in the fog at night.

September 22—While the Columbia was searching for the derelict Warren a telegram from the Philadelphia Maritime Exchange was received, giving the latest known location of the wreck. This was transmitted to the Columbia and enabled her to find and destroy the derelict two days later.

December 8—Steamer Cowrie reported passing the brigantine Harry Smith under a jury rudder. The information was sent to her owners.

December 9—The German steamer Bayonne reported that one of her main boilers was leaking and that she was returning to New York, and asked that a tug be sent to meet her. The request was transmitted.

December 10—Lightship No. 58 reported that she was in distress on Nantucket shoals and asking help. Assistance was sent from Boston, and although the ship was lost all hands were saved.

MISSING SHIPS MAY BE WRECKS SIGHTED

Four-Master and Three-Masted Ship Seen at Cape Horn May Be Mistral and Fort George

That the big four-masted ship Fort George will never reach port is now the general belief of many sea-faring men. Yesterday the reinsurance quoted on the vessel which left New York 214 days ago for Honolulu, was advanced to 80 per cent., and it is expected that the vessel will be uninsurable in a few days. The report made by the Edward Sewall on her arrival at San Francisco three weeks ago that a four-masted ship and a three-masted ship were seen ashore in False Cove, Cape Horn, caused much speculation since the news was made public and as far as the investigation by the underwriters has gone it is considered in some quarters that there is strong probability of the four-master being the Fort George and the three-master the Mistral, which is on the overdue market at 92 per cent. against total loss only. The Mistral sailed from Tchio, New Caledonia, on September 6 with a cargo of nickel ore for Havre, and it was understood she was making the voyage via Cape Horn. The Mistral, which is of 2,755 tons register, built in 1900, carried a crew of thirty hands. The Fort George, built at Belfast for Welch and company, San Francisco, in 1884, is a smaller vessel of 1,769 tons, and carried 24 men. It was reported by the officers of the Edward Sewall that the vessels seen ashore had apparently been abandoned, and no trace has since been heard of any survivors from them.

Freight is piling up at Vancouver for the Canadian-Australian liner Moana, which will sail for Sydney on Friday next. So far 800 tons of cargo has been received, and the passenger list will also be fairly heavy. The Pollards theatrical company will sail with the Moana, and also the Wallabies, the Australian rugby team. The footballers will join the liner here. The Aorangi reached Brisbane from Victoria on Sunday.

The Pacific Coast Steamship company announces that the steamer Governor, which has been idle during the winter, will resume service between San Francisco, Victoria, Seattle and Southern California. She will replace the Santa Rosa, leaving San Francisco March 1. The Santa Rosa will be placed on the southern run, succeeding the State of California, which is to be overhauled.

MOVEMENT OF VESSELS

Steamers to Arrive

Vessel	Due
Aki Maru	Mar. 4
Empress of China	Mar. 6
From Australia.	
Makura	Mar. 9
Aorangi	April 8
Indravelli	
From Mexico	
Lonsdale	Feb. 25
Christian Bors	Feb. 24
From Skagway.	
Princess May	Mar. 7
From Northern British Columbia Ports	
Princess Beatrice	Feb. 25
Queen City	Mar. 4
From West Coast.	
Tees	Feb. 28
From San Francisco	
Governor	Mar. 3
Queen	Mar. 9
City of Puebla	Mar. 15
From Mauritius.	
Str. Clan Mc Farlane	
From New York.	
Str. Foxton Hall	

Sailing Vessels

Vessel.	Left	Date
Elwell	Talpch	
Euphrosyne	Callao	
David Evans	Callao	

Steamers to Sail

Vessel	Date
For the Orient	
Empress of Japan	Feb. 24
Tango Maru	Mar. 2
For Australia.	
Moana	Feb. 26
Makura	Mar. 26
Aorangi	April 23
For Mexico.	
Lonsdale	Mar. 1
Erna	Mar. 4
For Skagway	
Princess May	Mar. 8
For Northern British Columbia Coast.	
Princess Beatrice	Feb. 29
Queen City	Mar. 7
For West Coast.	
Tees	Mar. 1
For San Francisco	
Queen	Feb. 25
City of Puebla	Mar. 2
Governor	Mar. 9

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Leave Vancouver 9 a. m. daily except Wednesday. Arrive Victoria 2:15 p. m. daily except Wednesday.

S. S. Princess Victoria.

Leave Victoria 2 p. m. daily except Monday. Arrive Vancouver 7 p. m. daily except Monday.

Leave Vancouver 10 p. m. daily except Monday. Arrive Seattle 7:30 a. m. daily except Tuesday.

Leave Seattle 8:30 a. m. daily except Tuesday. Arrive Victoria 1 p. m. daily except Tuesday.

Victoria-Vancouver.

Str. Princess Charlotte.

Leave Victoria 12:30 a. m. daily. Arrive Vancouver 7 a. m. daily.

Leave Vancouver 1 p.m. daily. Arrive Victoria 6.00 p.m. daily.

Princess Victoria.

Leaves Victoria 2 p. m. daily except Monday. Arrive Vancouver 7 p. m. except Monday.

Str. Princess Royal.

Leaves Vancouver 9 a. m. daily except Wednesday. Arrive Victoria 2:15 p. m. daily except Wednesday.

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Joan

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Leaves Vancouver 5 p.m. daily except Sunday.

Victoria-Nanaimo—Comox-Union.

S. S. City of Nanaimo

Leave Victoria Tuesday at 7 a.m. Arrive Nanaimo Tuesday at 4 p.m.

Leave Nanaimo Saturday at 2 p.m. Arrive Victoria Saturday at 9 p.m.

Leave Nanaimo Wednesday at 7 a.m. Arrive Union Bay and Comox Wednesday at 2 p.m.

Leave Union Bay and Comox Thursday at 7 a.m. Arrive Nanaimo Thursday at 2 p.m.

Leave Nanaimo Friday 7 a.m. Arrive Union Bay and Comox Friday at 2 p.m.

Leave Union Bay and Comox Saturday at 7 a.m. Arrive Nanaimo Saturday at 1.30 p.m.

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Daily ex. Monday,	7.00 p.m.	Ar. V'nc'uv'r Lv.	9.00 a.m.	daily except Wed.
Daily ex. Monday,	10.[illegible] p.m.	Lv. V'nc'uv'r Ar.	7.30 a.m.	daily except Wed.
Daily ex. Tuesday,	7.[illegible] a.m.	Ar. Seattle Lv.	10.00 p.m.	daily except Tues.
Daily ex. Tuesday,	8.30 [illegible]	Lv. Seattle Ar.	9.00 p.m.	daily except Tues.
Daily ex. Tuesday,	1.00 p.[illegible]	Ar. Victoria Lv.	3.30 p.m.	daily except Tues.

VICTORIA-VANCOUVER

Princess Charlotte	Princess Victoria		Princess Royal	Princess Charlotte
12.30 a.m. d'ly	2.00 p.m. d'ly	Lv. Victoria Ar.	2.15 p.m. d'ly	6.00 p.m. d'ly.
7.30 a.m. d'ly	7.00 p.m. d'ly (ex. Mon.)	Ar. V'nc'uv'r Lv.	9.00 a.m. d'ly (ex. Wed.)	1.00 p.m. d'ly.

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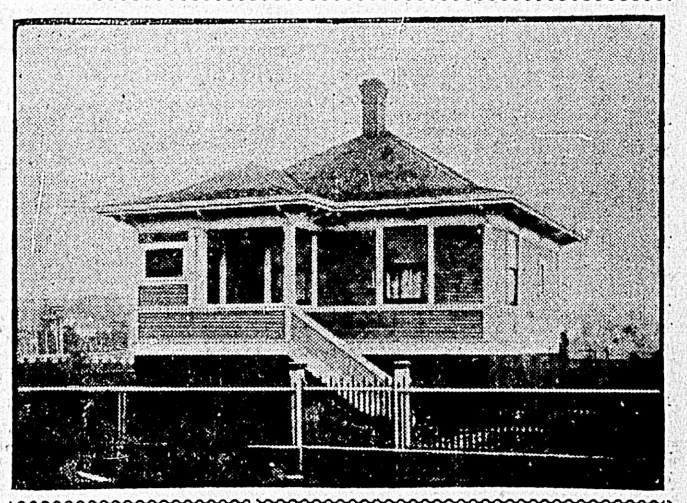

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FOR SALE — Houston tenoner, one shaper, on Smith morticer, one small dynamo, one sticker. Taylor Mill Co., Ltd. Lby., 2116 Government street. P.O. Box 628. n20

SHACKS, COTTAGES—Contracts wanted to build; from $150 to $2,500, town or country. New, effective designs and estimates free. Jobbing, repair work. Sidney Baker, 403 Menzies. j29

MRS. EARSMAN, electric light baths; medical massage. 1029 Yates St. Phone B725. j24

FOR SALE—Buggies, delivery and farm wagons, gasoline engines, fencing, etc. B. C. Hardware Co., 510 Johnson St. j20

BRASS CASTINGS of all descriptions for machinists and launch builders. E. Coleman, shop 640 Pembroke St. j24

ALFRED JONES, carpenter and joiner. Jobbing work promptly attended to. 800 Fort street, corner Blanchard. Phone B-799. j14

SEVERAL good propositions in rooming houses and other investments in real estate yielding revenues of $100 to $400 per month. Several good paying businesses for sale; also lots in a growing district from $150 up. For particulars of these and other paying propositions apply to Wakley & Bodle, 441 Pender St., Vancouver. B. C. j14

ANTIQUE JEWELRY, Diamonds, Engravings and Pictures bought and sold. Mrs. A. A. Aaronson, 85 Johnson street. jy17

BAGGAGE Promptly handled at current rates by the Victoria Transfer Co., Phone 129. Office open night and day. a8

NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY MILL WOOD; it's cheap and good; $3.00 for a large double load cut in stove lengths, $2.50 per cord, 4 ft. length. Cameron Lumber Co., Ltd. Phone 910.

COTTON RAGS wanted at the Colonist Job Department.

BOARD AND ROOM.

TO LET—Large room with board; 59 Menzies street, near sea. f24

FURNISHED ROOMS and board; piano, phone, "Bellevue," Quebec St., third house from Government buildings. f19

JAMES BAY—Board, residence, gentlemen, Beachcroft, Boyd St. Phone A612. f28

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE

CASHIER, bookkeeper, confidential clerk, advertiser, active business man of experience, desires engagement; highest references. W., Box 213, Postoffice, Victoria. f16

WANTED—A boy, age 17 years, would like to hear of good chance to learn good trade. Apply, giving particulars to Box 63, Colonist. f10

WANTED—MALE HELP.

WANTED—Boys, at the Morena Cigar factory; steady job at good pay for workers. f24

WANTED—Young man of good address for first-class real estate office. Apply in own handwriting, stating age, education and previous experience to 491, Colonist. f24

WANTED—Expert sash maker, used to machinery. Moore & Whittington. f23

WANTED—Messenger boys. Apply City Messenger Co., View St. f19

WANTED—Man, with $1,500 for good paying proposition. This exceptional opportunity is open for thirty days only. 405, Colonist. f19

A FIRST-CLASS BAKER wanted with best of references. Apply City Bakery, Ladysmith, B. C. f19

WANTED—One reliable man in every town to take orders for best custom made clothes in Canada. Highest commission. Rex Tailoring Co., Toronto. j10

SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALE

WANTED—Position as house-maid, by experienced English girl, apply 1706 Fernwood Road. f23

ENGLISH LADY desires situation daily governess. French, English, music, singing, drawing, painting, good testimonials. Apply Mr. Kent, Waitt & co. f21

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WANTED—FEMALE HELP.

WANTED—A general servant in family of five. 490, Colonist. f24

WANTED—Competent assistant and improvers. Miss Wooldridge, 47 Five Sisters Building. f24

WANTED—Millinery apprentices. Apply to Millinery Dept., Spencer's. f23

WANTED—Experienced bindery girls at The Colonist Bindery.

GIRL WANTED at once at Anderson's Confectionary, 908 Gordon St. f23

SICK—NURSING.

MRS. WALKER—Private nursing home. 1017 Burdette Ave. Phone A-140. f24

FOR RENT—RESIDENCES.

FOR RENT—New 5-roomed house, Collinson St.; close in. Apply Pemberton & Son. f21

FOR SALE—RESIDENCES.

SMALL CASH PAYMENT and $25 monthly will buy a six-roomed house; modern; ten minutes from City hall; $1,900. Apply Box 500, Colonist. f24

TO RENT—STORES, OFFICES, ETC.

TO LET—Large and roomy warehouse on Wharf street. Rent $35 per month. Apply B. C. Land and Investment Agency, Limited, 922 Government St.

TO RENT—Store in Duncan, E. and N. R. R., facing station and creamery; splendid position for trade; feed and general house furnishings; first-class millinery or any other business; corner; 3 show windows; 4 rooms; building 30 by 24; $22 month. Box 18, Duncan, E. and N. R. R. f24

STORE TO LET—Gorge Road; exceptional chance for butcher; one wanted. Apply Gorge Grocery. f24

FOR RENT—Small shop on Douglas street near City hall. Apply Owner, P. O. Box 495, Victoria. f24

BUSINESS CHANCES.

FOR SALE—Rooming house business in good locality; doing good business. A snap if sold within the next week. Address Box 504, Colonist. f24

FOR SALE—Restaurant and bakery. For particulars write Box 508, Victoria. f24

FOR SALE—Hotel and general store. Apply to Nelson Lacroix, Cobble Hill. j30

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—On Sunday afternoon, between Vancouver street and High School, pair gold-rimmed spectacles. Reward at this office. f24

LOST—On Government St., between Belleville and Johnson, pocketbook containing letters and mate's certificate. Finder will be rewarded by returning same to the address Care Wm. Grant, Windsor Hotel, Government St. f24

LOST—An Airdale terrier bitch, nine months old, black and tan. Suitable reward will be given on return to Walter Catteroll, Kelvin Road, Maywood. Anyone harboring same after this date will be prosecuted. j16

PROPERTY FOR SALE.

YATES ESTATE, Victoria Arm, lots still going at from $150 to $500 each; $25 cash and $10 per month will buy any of them. Reduction for cash and allowance for acreage. The B. C. Land and Investment Agency, Ltd. f24

FOR SALE—170 acres of land about 20 acres under cultivation and another 30 partially cleared, good spring, nearly 1½ miles of sea front; $50 per acre. Apply W. F. U. Copeman, Sidney, B. C. f24

FOR SALE—Ten acres, 4 miles out, 100 bearing fruit trees, 6 acres in timothy grass, 2 large barns, chicken houses, water laid on in house, 5-roomed Bungalow, good reasons for selling; will sell cheap if sold immediately. Apply Tunnicliffe, Strawberry Vale. f23

A REAL SNAP—Two splendid lots 50 x132, Oak Bay car line, close to beach, sewer laid, adjoining lots held $650; owner who bought for building, leaving city will sell to quick buyer $500 each, exceptional terms. 476, Colonist. f23

FOR SALE CHEAP—Eight large lots, corner of Moss and Richardson Sts., with fruit and ornamental trees. Apply owner P. O. Box 306. f21

FOR SALE—Two lots cheap, on Shakespeare Street, would sell 6 roomed house and four lots. For terms apply Owner, 2207 Shakespeare St. f21

FOR SALE—Farm near Duncan, on Somenos Lake 20 acres, 18 cleared, fine modern house with furnace, barn, cow stalls, poultry, outbuildings, water laid on, orchard, with or without stock. Box 234, Duncan. f18

TO RENT—UNFURNISHED ROOMS.

TWO LARGE front housekeeping rooms unfurnished. 210 Mary St. f19

UNFURNISHED ROOMS to let, close in. 1120 Cook St. f19

TO LET—FURNISHED ROOMS

TO LET—Handsomely furnished room for two; also single bedroom; quiet, pleasant house; 1017 Burdette Ave. Phone A-1400. f24

FOR RENT—Furnished housekeeping rooms. 938 Fisguard. f24

TO LET—Newly furnished rooms to let. 318 Oswego street. f21

TO RENT—Three furnished rooms, gentlemen; Garesche Block. f21

TO LET—Nicely furnished housekeeping rooms, near Fountain; large grounds. 600 Gorge Road. f19

TO LET—Furnished room, heated, modern new house. 321 Michigan St. f18

TO LET—Nicely furnished rooms and house keeping rooms. 644 Fort St. f7

TO LET—Comfortably furnished front room with grate and use of kitchen if required. 328 Michigan St., James Bay. f6

TO LET—Rooms, 1003 Carberry Gardens. Breakfast if desired. Telephone B1514. j31

FURNISHED ROOMS—Elegantly furnished rooms, with or without board. All modern improvements, including electric light and telephone. Close to steamboat landing. Corner Birdcage Walk and Belleville Street. Mrs. Woodhill (formerly Revere House.

WANTED—TO PURCHASE

WANTED—To buy; South African Volunteer Dominion land warrants; highest prices paid. E. C. B. Bagshawe, 613 Fort St. f24

WILL PAY $525 for South African veteran land grants; attach to draft; wire acceptance. J. A. Kritzwiser, McLean, Sask. f24

WANTED — Edison improved phonograph; state lowest price. Box 489, Colonist. f23

WANTED—Will pay $575 cash for South African scrip. Apply to General Agency Corporation, Ltd., 344 Granville St., Vancouver. f23

WANTED—To purchase; modern 5 or 6 room cottage, on monthly instalments; state price; terms; locality. Box 480, Colonist. f23

WANTED—$500 paid for South African Scrips. Box 389, Colonist. f19

WANTED—Second hand gasoline engine about 6 or 7 h. p., must be cheap, apply Colonist 473. f23

WILL PAY five hundred and seventy dollars for South African warrants. James Scott, 21 Silvester-Willson building, Winnipeg. f21

WANTED—To purchase, a good substantial gasoline launch, over 35 feet in length. Heavy duty engine preferred. Apply giving full particulars and price to D. B. LeNeven, Sidney, B. C. f20

WANTED—To purchase, old mahogany furniture, clocks, grandfather clocks, coins, stamps, etc. A. A. Aaronson, 85 Johnson street.

MILLINERY.

MISS MUNRO AND MISS RUDD wish to announce to the public that they intend opening a first-class millinery establishment at the corner of Yates and Broad Sts., upstairs; Room 2. f21

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

IN THE MATTER of the Estate of Jerome E. Church, Deceased.

Pursuant to the order of the Honorable, The Chief Justice, dated 10th February, 1909, all persons who have not already sent in their claims against the Estate of Jerome B. Church, Deceased, properly verified by oath or statutory declaration, are requested to send same properly verified to the undersigned at the Law Courts, Victoria, B. C., before 11th March, next.

Dated 12th February, 1909.

B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE,
Registrar

THE STUART ROBERTSON CO
Limited,
1212 Broad Street.

6-ROOMED Cottage, stable, barn and 1 acre, close in, for only $2,500.

3 FINE LOTS on Duchess street; $400 each.

7-ROOMED modern dwelling house on Stanley avenue; $3,500.

CALL and inspect our list of farms.

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LEE & FRASER
9 and 11 Trounce Avenue.

FOR SALE—A business property within five minutes of the P. O. with store and cottage, fitted with all modern conveniences; can be purchased for $5,500, rented at $55 per month. Apply Lee & Fraser, Trounce Ave. f25

FOR SALE—Bungalow on North Park street, new, all modern conveniences, good sized lot; price only $2,500. Lee and Fraser, Trounce avenue.

FRUIT RANCH—Seven acres at Gordon Head, all cleared and partly fenced; suitable for fruit; price only $2,250. Lee and Fraser, Trounce avenue.

FOR SALE—Two beautiful lots off Oak Bay avenue for $1,300. Lee and Fraser, Trounce avenue.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Licensing Board at its next sitting for a transfer of the retail liquor license for the premises known as the "Albion Saloon," situate on the corner of Yates Street and Waddington Alley, Victoria, B. C., to John Clovis.

Dated this 5th day of February, 1909.

W. J. RICHARDSON,
By his attorney in fact,
A. W. BRIDGMAN.

TAKE NOTICE that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria at the next sitting of the board for a transfer of the license now held by me to sell spirituous and fermented liquors by retail on the premises known as the "King's Head Saloon," number 562 Johnson street, Victoria, B. C., to George Washington Henry Francis Bruggy and further take notice that I intend to apply to the board at the same time for permission to change the name of the said "King's Head Saloon" to the "Emperor Hotel."

Dated this third day of February, A. D. 1909. CHAS. HANBURY.

SHERIFF'S SALE

Under and by virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the Supreme Court of British Columbia in an action wherein Pitt & Peterson are plaintiffs and Vancouver Copper Company, defendants, I have seized and taken possession of all the goods and chattels of the defendant company, situate at Mount Sicker, Vancouver Island, consisting of 3 Shay geared locomotives with ore cars, picks, shovels, steel, etc., furniture and contents of Mount Sicker hotel, also large quantities of cord wood. I will offer the said goods and chattels, or a sufficent portion thereof, for sale at public auction, on the premises, Mount Sicker, on Saturday, the 9th day of May, 1908, at 2 o'clock p.m. Terms of sale, cash. F. Richards, Sheriff for the County of Victoria for and on behalf Sheriff County of Nanaimo.

Sheriff's Office, Victoria, May 1, 1908.

NOTICE

The above sale is postponed to a date to be fixed. F. G. RICHARDS, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Victoria, June 10, 1908.

SAANICH MUNICIPALITY

A BY-LAW

To Regulate the Erection and Construction of Buildings.

The Council of the Municipality of the District of Saanich enacts as follows:

1. Every person intending to erect or alter or repair a building in the municipality of Saanich, shall, before commencing the excavation for or erection of any such building, deposit with the Council or any person they shall appoint for such purpose, a plan or plans of such proposed building, and shall at the time of lodging such plans pay to the municipality a fee of fifty cents.

2. No person shall commence the erection of a building or the structural repair of any old building where the work of such repair or alteration exceeds the sum of $20 until he shall have submitted the plan provided for in the preceding section, and shall have obtained the written certificate of the Council or inspector appointed for such purpose, that the same are in compliance with this by-law.

3. A certificate shall not be issued.

a. Whenever from any plan or particular furnished in accordance with section 2 hereof it shall appear that the proposed building or erection is intended or proposed to be used for the purpose of any manufactory trade or occupation of a character which cannot be carried on without creating a nuisance or which is noisome, noxious or offensive in its operations, and where the present or prospective assessable value of the property adjacent to which it is proposed to be erected will in the opinion of the Council or their inspector be prejudicially affected.

b. Whenever the plan of any building or alteration or addition to any existing building or erection discloses to the Council or their inspector that the building or erection when erected or the alteration or addition when made will be or constitute, having regard to the ugliness, deformity, incongruity, or want of conformity of the proposed building or altered or added building, with adjacent buildings, a nuisance and offensive to good taste, and an eyesore, and that in addition the construction of such building, alteration or erection would tend to have the effect to depreciate the assessable value of adjacent residential property.

4. Whenever the Council or their inspector in pursuance of the foregoing section shall withhold the certificate for such building, alteration or addition, no owner or builder shall proceed with the building operations to which such consent has been refused or in respect of which such certificate has been withheld.

5. No buildings for the purpose of stabling animals, either temporarily or permanently, shall be erected within twenty feet of a public street or highway maintained by the municipality, or within twenty feet of any adjoining dwelling house.

6. Every person who is guilty of any infraction of the provisions of this by-law shall, upon conviction, be liable to the penalties herein provided, and where no special penalty is provided, to a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars for each offence.

7. This by-law may be cited as the "Building Permit By-law."

Passed the Municipal Council this 12th day of December, 1908.

Reconsidered and finally passed this 28th day of December, 1908.

F. G. QUICK, Reeve.
J. R. CARMICHAEL, C. M. C.

W. N. MITCHELL
Office Over Northern Bank

ONLY 4 lots left in the Fairfield Estate at $475 each, on Chapman and Oxford streets. Terms $25 cash and $10 per month.

COOK STREET lots $700, $50.00 cash and $20 per month.

CURRIE & POWER
1214 Douglas Street. Phone 1466.

FOR SALE—New 7-room, modern house, large basement, sewer, etc. Close to car line. Price $3,500, very easy terms.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the reserve on Lot 29a, Range 4, Coast District, is cancelled.

R. A. RENWICK,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works.

Lands and Works Dept.,
Victoria, B. C., 15th October, 1908.

CANCELLATION OF RESERVE.

Notice is hereby given that the reserve covering the fractional sections 31, 32 and 33, Denman Island, notice of which was published in the British Columbia Gazette of October 21st, 1876, is cancelled.

ROBERT. A. RENWICK.
Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works.

Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B. C., December 17, 1908.

CANCELLATION OF RESERVE

Notice is hereby given that the reserve existing on Lot 7.946, Group 1, Kootenay, by virtue of the notice dated December 24th, 1908, and appearing in the British Columbia Gazette of December 27th, 1907, is cancelled for the purpose of effecting a sale of said lot to Edgar S. Home.

ROBT. A. RENWICK.
Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works.

Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B. C., December 17, 1908.

FERRY, BELLA COOLA RIVER

SEALED applications for a charter to operate a ferry over the Bella Coola river, about 25 miles above the mouth, will be received by the Honorable the Minister of Public Works up to and including the first day of March next.

Applicants must state the kind and size of vessel it is proposed to use, the method of operating and the tolls which it is proposed to levy for the carriage of passengers, horses, vehicles and cattle, etc. F. C. GAMBLE,
Public Works Engineer.

Department of Public Works,
Victoria, B. C., 7th January, 1909.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Ironwork, Columbia River Bridge, at Revelstoke, B. C.

SEALED TENDERS, endorsed "Tenders for Wrought and Cast Iron, per pound," will be received by the undersigned up to and including the 8th day of February next, for the manufacture and delivery, f. o. b. cars at Revelstoke, all the ironwork for the above bridge as called for in the Bills of Iron and Drawings exhibited.

Specifications, drawings, bills of iron, forms of contract and tender, may be seen at the office of the Public Works Engineer, Victoria, B. C.; the office of the Provincial Timber Inspector, Vancouver, B. C.; and at the office of the Government Agent, Revelstoke, B. C. on and after January 25th, next.

Each proposal must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque, or certificate of deposit on a chartered bank of Canada, made payable to the undersigned, in the sum of nine hundred ($900.00) dollars, which shall be forfeited if the party tendering decline to enter into contract when called upon to do so, or if he fail to complete the work contracted for. The cheques or certificates of deposit of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them upon the execution of the contract. Tenders will not be considered unless made out on the forms of tender supplied, signed with the actual signature of the tenderer and enclosed in the envelope furnished.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. F. C. GAMBLE.
Public Works Engineer.

Department of Public Works,
Victoria, B. C., Jan 29, 1909.

NOTICE is hereby given that I, the undersigned, intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners in and for the City of Victoria at its next sitting for a transfer of the liquor license now held by me to sell wines and spirituous liquors by retail at the premises known as the Hotel Canada, and being No. 1320 Broad Street, in the City of Victoria, Province of British Columbia, said hotel being situate on Victoria city lots 159a and 160a to John Temple.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 14th day of January, 1909.

EDWIN JAMES SMITH.

In the county court of Westminster Holden at New Westminster, between Yorkshire Guarantee and Securities, Corporation, Limited, Plaintiff; and John Scott, Defendant.

To John Scott:

Take notice that a plaint has been entered and a summons issued against you in the above County Court, for the Yorkshire Guarantee and Securities Corporation Limited, for the sum of $2,501.67 being the amount of principle and interest to date due under a certain indenture of Mortgage made by you in favor of the plaintiff, dated the 16th day of May 1893, and an order has been made that the posting of a copy of the said order and summons in the Registry of this Honorable Court, and in some conspicuous place on the lands forming the subject matter of this action, together with the publication of this notice, for a period of ten days in a daily newspaper published in the City of Victoria, shall be deemed good and sufficient service of the summons and order upon you. And the said order further directed that at the expiration of the said ten days you shall be allowed a further period of ten days in which you may file a dispute note at the office of the Registrar of this Honorable court at New Westminster and if you do not enter such dispute note within the time specified you will be in default, and judgment may be signed against you, and your interest in the said lands may be foreclosed.

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Having been appointed exclusive agents for the Silber & Trussell Loose Leaf Majestic Ledger, we invite the business men to call and examine the quality and secure prices before placing orders elsewhere. We claim we have the best Loose Leaf Book that has ever been placed upon the market.

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Prices: 25c. 50c. 75c. $1.00, $1.50. Box office opens 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23.

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Australia's Newest and Greatest Vaudeville Novelty.
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Wire Artist.
MR. DIXON
..."When the Bees Are in the Hive."..
BIOGRAPH
"Bill Wants a Joe Dancer."

NOTICE

In the Matter of the Estate of John Graham Cox, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Trustees and Executors Act that all creditors of the estate of said Deceased are required on or before the 17th day of February, A. D. 1909, to send particulars of their claims duly verified to the undersigned, solicitors for Frank Adams and William Cox, Executors of the said estate; and all persons indebted to the said estate are required to pay such indebtedness to the undersigned forthwith.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 16th day of January, A. D. 1909.

DRAKE, JACKSON & HELMCKEN,
Barristers and Solicitors
542 Bastion St.,
Victoria, B. C.

VICTORIA WATER WORKS

TENDERS FOR VALVES

Tenders, sealed, endorsed and addressed to W. W. Northcott, Purchasing Agent, will be received up to 4 p.m. on Monday, 1st March next, for supplying::

15 12-in. Double Gate Valves.
20 8-in. Double Gate Valves.
20 6-in. Double Gate Valves.

Valves to have two bell ends, brass faces, and spindles, and to turn from left to right. The nut on the head of the spindle to be 1¼ inches square. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

W. W. NORTHCOTT,
Purchasing Agent.
City Hall, 19th Feb., 1909.

WANTED TO PURCHASE

Large tracts of B. C. Timber with clear titles. Both on Mainland and on Vancouver Island. State location and price. Principals only dealt with. Write or call, R. H. Heywood, Hotel Butler, Seattle.

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MONDAY MARCH 1st.
Engagement of the Eminent Actor
Mr. Charles B. Hanford
Accompanied by **Miss Marie Drofnah** in a Brilliant Scenic Production of
THE WINTER'S TALE
30—PEOPLE IN THE CAST—30
Including a Chorus and Ballet.
Seats on sale, Friday, February 26th, 10 a.m. Prices: $1.50, $1.00, 75c, 50c, 25c.

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Friday and Saturday Nights, and Saturday Matinee.
The LONDON BIOSCOPE
Exhibiting a double programme of animated pictures, providing an entire evening's entertainment for 10c.
Doors open 7:30, performance at 8, Matinee, Saturday afternoon, doors open at 2 o'clock, pictures at 2:30, children 5 cents.
EVENING ADMISSION TEN CENTS.

Notice to Creditors

IN THE MATTER of the "Companies Winding-Up Act, 1898," Chapter 14, Statutes of British Columbia.

Lenz & Leiser, Limited, in Liquidation.

Notice is hereby given that by an Extraordinary Resolution of the members of Lenz & Leiser, Limited, passed at a general meeting of the members of the company, held in the City of Victoria, British Columbia, on the 25th January, 1909, it was resolved that the above company be voluntarily wound-up under the provisions of the above Statute and the undersigned has been duly appointed Liquidator for the purpose of winding-up the affairs of the said company and distributing the property thereof. All creditors of the Company are required to deliver to the undersigned before the 31st March, 1909 full particulars of their claims verified by statutory declaration. After such date the undersigned will proceed to distribute the assets of the company according to law.

Dated the 26th day of January, 1909.

MOSES LENZ,
Liquidator.

CIVIC NOTICE

The Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria having determined that it is desirable to construct permanent sidewalk on the following streets, namely:— on

1. Pine street, both sides, between Craigflower Road and Dominion Road.
2. Garbally Road, north side, from Gorge Road to the westerly boundary lines of lot A 1.
3. Queens Avenue, south side, between Blanchard Avenue and Quadra Street.
4. Pembroke Street, north side, between Chambers Street and Cook Street.
Also to construct boulevards, (including maintenance) with curbs and gutters, on both sides of
5. John Street, between Government Street and Pleasant Street.
Also to grade, drain and tar macadamize.
6. Pemberton Road, from Fort Street to Rockland Avenue, and to construct a permanent sidewalk of concrete on the east side of said road from the end of the present walk southerly to Rockland Avenue, and on the west side of said road from the end of the present walk southerly to the road entering Carberry Gardens, to construct a boulevard (including maintenance) with curb and gutter from there to Rockland Avenue;

And that each and all of said work shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the "Local Improvement General By-Law," and amendment thereto, and the City Engineer and City Assessor having reported to the Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the said by-law, upon each and every of said works of local improvement, giving statements, showing the amounts estimated to be chargeable in each case against the various portions of real property to be benefited by the said works, and the reports of the City Engineer and City Assessor aforesaid having been adopted by the Council.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the said reports are open for inspection at the office of the City Assessor, City Hall, Douglas Street.

Unless a petition, against any proposed work of local improvement above mentioned, signed by a majority of the owners of the land or real property, to be assessed for such improvement, and representing at least one half of the value of the said land or real property, is presented to the Council within fifteen days from the date of the first publication of this notice, the Council will proceed with the proposed improvement under such terms and conditions as to the payment of the cost of such improvement as the Council may, by bylaw in that behalf, regulate and determine.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
C. M. C.
Victoria, B. C., City Clerk's Office, February 17, 1909.

THE LOCAL MARKETS
(Retail Prices)

Flour.

Royal Household, a bag	$1.75
Lake of the Woods, a bag	$1.75
Royal Standard, a bag	$1.75
Wild Rose, a bag	$1.75
Calgary, a bag	$2.00
Hungarian, per bbl	$7.75
Snowflake, a bag	$1.70
Snowflake, per bbl	$6.80
Drifted Snow, per sack	$1.70
Three Star, per sack	$2.00
Moffet's Best, per bbl	$7.75

Foodstuffs.

Bran, per 100 lbs	$ 1.50
Shorts, per 100 lbs	$ 1.60
Middlings, per 100 lbs	$ 1.75
Feed Wheat, per 100 lbs	$ 2.00
Oats, per 100 lbs	$ 1.55
Crushed Oats, per 100 lbs	$ 1.65
Barley, per 100 lbs	$ 1.60
Chop Feed, per 100 lbs	$ 1.50
Whole Corn, per 100 lbs	$ 2.00
Cracked Corn, per 100 lbs	$ 2.10
Feed Cornmeal, per 100 lbs	$ 2.25
Hay, Fraser River, per ton	$16.00
Hay, Prairie, per ton	$16.00
Hay, Alfalfa, per ton	$20.00
Crushed Oats, per 100 lbs	$ 1.65
Crushed Barley, per 100 lbs	$ 1.65

Dairy Produce.

Eggs—	
Fresh Island, per dozen	.35
Cheese—	
Canadian, per lb.	.20
Neufchatel, each	.05
Cream, local, each	.10
Butter—	
Manitoba, per lb.	.35
Best Dairy	.25 to 30
Victoria Creamery, per lb	.45
Cowichan Creamery, per lb	.45
Comox Creamery, per lb	.45
Chilliwack Creamery, per lb	.40
Alberni Creamery, per lb	.40

Vegetables.

Rhubarb, hot house, per hd	.15
Celery, per head	.10 to .15
Lettuce, a head	.05
Garlic, per lb.	.20
Onions, 8 lbs. for	.25
Sweet Potatoes, 4 lbs	.25
Potatoes, per sack	1.50
Cauliflower, each	.20
Cabbage, new, per lb	.05
Tomatoes, per basket	.25
Red Cabbage, per lb	.05
Green Peas, per lb	.08
Beans, per lb.	.08
Beans, per lb.	.05 to .15
Beets, per lb.	.05
Carrots, per lb.	.05
Brussel Sprouts, per lb	.15
Parsley, per bunch	.10
Mint, per bunch	.10
Cucumbers, each	.25
Fruit.	
Lemons, per dozen	25
Figs, cooking, per lb	.08 to .10
Apples, per box	$2 to $2.50
Bananas, per dozen	.35
Figs, table, per lb.	.25
Raisins, Valencia, per lb	.15
Raisins, table, per lb	.25 to .60
Pineapples, each	.35 to .50
Grapes, Malaga, per lb	.25
Grapes, Concord, per basket	.75
Cranberries, Cape Cod, qt	.25
Nuts.	
Walnuts, per lb.	.30
Brazils, per lb.	.30
Almonds, Jordon, per lb	.75
Almonds, Cal., per lb	.25
Cocoanuts, each	.15
Pecans, per lb.	.30
Chestnuts, per lb.	.25
Fish.	
Cod, salted, per lb	.10 to .13
Halibut, fresh, per lb.	.08 to .10
Halibut, smoked, per lb	.15
Cod, fresh, per lb.	.06 to .08
Smoked Herring	.12½
Crabs, 2 for	.25
Black Bass, per lb.	.06 to .08
Oolichans, salt, per lb	.12½
Black Cod, salt, per lb	.12½
Flounders, fresh, per lb	.06 to .08
Salmon, fresh, white, per lb	.08 to 10
Salmon, fresh, red, per lb	.10 to .12
Salmon, smoked, per lb	.20
Shrimps, per lb.	.25 to .30
Smelts, per lb.	.08 to 10
Herring, kippered, per lb	.12½
Finnan Haddie, per lb.	.20
Meat and Poultry.	
Beef, per lb.	.08 to .18
Lamb, per lb.	.15 to .25
Mutton, per lb.	.12½ to .20
Lamb, per quarter, fore	1.25 to 1.50
Lamb, per quarter, hind	1.75 to 2.00
Veal, dressed, per lb	.15 to .18
Geese, dressed, per lb	.18 to .20
Guinea Fowls, each	1.00
Chickens, per lb.	.25 to .30
Chickens, per lb., live weight	.12½ to .15
Ducks, dressed, per lb	.20 to .25
Hams, per lb.	.18 to .22
Hares, dressed, each	75
Bacon, per lb.	.22 to .27
Pork, dressed, per lb.	.12½ to .15
Rabbits, dressed, each	.50 to .65

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

(Furnished by F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

New York, Feb. 24.—Improvement was recorded throughout the list with traders for the most part taking a saner view of the recent developments in Steel circles. The latter issues showed cotton in exchange for gold. It is a matter of peculiar significance in every panic in the history cotton has been the one commodity which showed an advance. The first shock cotton received is always the worst shock.

Option—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan.	9.15	9.15	9.10	9.17
Feb.	9.24	9.24	9.24	9.28
March	9.30	9.32	9.22	9.32
April	9.22	9.25	9.19	9.26
May	9.26	9.30	9.18	9.30
June	9.19	9.19	9.19	9.29
July	9.27	9.29	9.17	9.29
Aug.	9.22	9.27	9.19	9.28
Sept.	9.17	9.21	9.17	9.22
Oct.	9.20	9.23	9.15	9.23
Nov.	....	....	....	9.19
Dec.	9.16	9.18	9.12	9.19

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

(Furnished by F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

New York, Feb. 24.—Cotton—The financial storm in Wall street district dampened the ardor of the cotton market today despite the absence of any storm over the dry belt in the western half of the Cotton belt where rain is much needed. It is natural that Wall street, largely involved in the security market, should neglect and abandon cotton under conditions that now exist. It is evident, however, that the selling pressure of yesterday and the early part of today's session eliminated the Wall street interest in cotton and further pressure from that quarter need not be feared. Every person who understands and handles it, knows cotton is a much more necessary article to their existence than stocks and bonds, and it matters not how terrifying the situation in the financial district in New York might become, the European market stands always ready to accept the effects of a short covering on a good scale and a great many who liquidated the issue on decline replaced some around the low levels. The London market was generally higher and showed effects of American support which had the effect of creating more confidence in the early trading and as the session progressed the shorts became nervous in view of the indications to the effect that the selling movement has temporarily spent its force. The outlook is still mixed but it cannot be denied that any factor tending to increase activity in general business circles will ultimately be able to secure values.

	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Amal. Copper	70⅝	68	70⅜
Am. Car Fdy.	47	44¼	46¾
do pfd	107⅝	107½	108
Am. Cot. Oil	53	50	52¾
do pfd	..	..	98
Amer. Loco.	50¾	49½	50½
do pfd	110	109¼	109¼
Amer. Smelt.	82	77¾	81⅞
do pfd	102¾	101	102½
Amer. Sugar	129	126⅜	128¾
do pfd	..	..	129
Amer. Tel.	..	..	127½
Amer. Woolen	28⅝	28⅜	28½
do pfd	95¾	95⅝	95½
Anaconda	41⅞	40	41¾
Atchison	101½	98½	101¼
do pfd	..	..	101⅞
B. and O.	106¾	104½	106½
do pfd	..	..	92½
B. R. T.	69¾	67⅞	69⅝
C. C. C. and S. L.	73	70½	72½
C. P. R.	169¾	167¾	169¾
C. and O.	64½	61¾	64⅜
C. and G. W.	7⅛	6⅞	7⅛
do pfd B.	8¾	8¼	8⅛
C. and N. W.	..	..	174¼
C. M. and S. P.	143¼	141½	143
do pfd	..	..	160½
C. F. and I.	31⅜	29½	31¼
do pfd	..	..	60
Colo. Southern	62	59¾	61¾
do 1s pfd	81¼	80	78½
do 2s pfd	77¾	76¼	77½
Con. Gas	125	120	123⅜
D. and H.	..	..	171
D. and R. G.	42½	40⅝	42¼
do pfd	83¼	82	84
Distillers	38	36	37½
Erie	26¾	25¾	26⅜
do 1s pfd	42½	41	42
do 2s pfd	..	..	32⅛
Gen. Elec.	..	..	152
Gt. Nor. Ore ctfs.	67¼	65½	67
Gt. Nor. pfd	..	..	139
Illinois Cent.	139⅞	137	139
Inter-Met.	14½	13¼	14¼
do pfd	39½	38	39¼
Int. Paper	..	..	10½
do pfd	..	..	55
Iowa Central	27¾	27	27
do pfd	53	51	52
L. and N.	128¼	125	128
Mackay	71½	70	70½
do pfd	..	..	70⅛
Met. St. Ry.	..	..	25
Mexican Cent.	..	..	20¼
M. S. P., S. S. M.	138½	137	137½
do pfd	..	..	151½
M. K. and T.	38¼	35⅞	38⅛
do pfd	..	..	71½
Missouri Pac.	67⅞	65	67¼
Nat. Lead	74	72	73⅞
do pfd	..	..	104
Newhouse	4⅝	4½	4½
N. Y. C.	123½	120½	123⅜
N. Y. O. and W.	44	41½	43⅞
N. and W.	..	..	86½
Northern Pac.	136½	133¼	136¾
Pacific Coast	..	..	78
Pacific Mail	31½	29⅛	31½
Pennsyl. Ry.	128½	126⅛	128
Peoples Gas	111	110	110⅞
Pressed Steel	..	..	32½
do pfd	..	..	96
Reading	122¾	119½	122⅝
Rep. Steel	19	17.	17¾
do pfd	..	..	70¼
Rock Island	22¼	21¾	21⅞
do pfd	59⅞	58	59¾
Sloss Steel	71¼	69¼	70½
do pfd	..	..	108
Southern Pac.	116½	114¾	116⅜
do pfd	..	..	119½
Tenn. Copper	37¾	36	37½
Texas Pacific	31¾	30½	31⅛
Third Ave.	38	35½	37½
T. S. L. and W.	44¾	43¼	44
do pfd	66½	64¾	66¼
Union Pacific	175⅝	172¾	175⅝
do pfd	..	..	95½
U. S. Steel	44¼	41½	43⅞
do pfd	109¼	107⅛	108¾
Utah Copper	43	40	42
Virginia Chem.	42¾	40⅞	42½
do pfd	..	..	112½
Wabash	17	15¼	16⅞
do pfd	44¼	41½	43⅝
Western Union	65½	64	64½
Westinghouse	76	74	76½
Wisconsin Cent.	..	..	40¾
do pfd	..	..	83

Money on call, 3 per cent.
Total sales, 1,300,600 shares.

GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKET.

(Furnished by F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Wheat—The leading bull interest today turned its back on May contracts and went over bag and baggage into the July camp. For weeks past the bears have been selling July when they dared sell anything. There was a big sleeping short interest in the new crop month and it waked up today when the price started up sharply. There was good profits in the upward indemnities and there was a lot of buying owing to that factor. There was much bull news but not especially of the kind to effect the new crop. A cash house here bought 100,000 bushels hard wheat at Omaha to come to Chicago. A cold wave is predicted tonight for a portion of the winter wheat belt. But this is given little attention.

Corn—Chicago grain demonstrated its capacity for taking care of a great quantity of corn without becoming at all worried over it. Receiving houses don't expect the big movement to continue. Shipping sales were over 100,000. The cold weather predicted will have a tendency to increase the corn supply to all centres. Prices at the close were about half cent up.

Oats—Receipts today were 483 cars and estimated for tomorrow 179. The largest cash oat handlers believe that the reserves are little in the country, that the receipts will run small after this clean-up of the railroad tracks that the demand will be heavy during the coming weeks. Shipping sales today were nearly 300,000.

Wheat—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	116	116¾	115½	116
July	101¾	103⅜	101¾	103¼
Sept.	96⅞	98	96¾	97⅞
Dec.	97¾	98½	98	98½
Corn—				
May	65¼	65⅞	65¼	65¾
July	64⅝	65¼	64⅝	65⅛
Sept.	64½	65⅝	64½	65
Oats—				
May	54⅝	55	54½	54¾
July	49½	49⅝	49¼	49½
Sept.	40¼	40½	40	40⅜
Pork—				
May	17.07	17.12	17.05	17.05
July	17.15	17.20	17.10	17.10
Lard—				
May	9.72	9.72	9.67	9.67
July	9.87	9.87	9.82	9.82
Short Ribs—				
May	8.95	8.95	8.90	8.92
July	9.12	9.12	9.10	9.10

VANCOUVER STOCK EXCHANGE.

(Furnished by F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

Listed Stock—	Bid.	Asked.
Alberta Coal and Coke	..	06
Burton Saw Works	100	120
Int. Coal and Coke	68	72½
Portland Canal	07¼	08½
Western Oil, Cons.	166	176
Unlisted Stock—		
American-Can. Oil	09	10
B. C. Copper Co.	07	07½
B. C. Packers, pfd	80	..
B. C. Permanent Loan	120	121½
B. C. Pulp and Paper	..	100
B. C. Trust Corp.	..	110
Canadian Con. S. and R.	82	92
Canadian North-West Oil	23	30
Carbon Camp McKinney	01¾	02¼
Diamond Vale Coal	11	13
Dominion Trust Co.	..	100
Gt. West Permanent	105	..
Granby	90	100
Nicola Valley Coal	65	71
Northern Bank	..	92
Pacific Whaling pfd.	..	72
Rambler Cariboo	12	16
Royal Collieries	30	31½
Sullivan	..	01
B. A. Scrip	575	..

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APPEALED FROM RULING OF CHAIR

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The act to amend the law of Vendor and Purchaser and to simplify titles was also given a second reading.

Mr. Naden took the chair in committee on the act to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act. Mr. Hawthorthwaite moved an amendment which he said was taken from the English Act, and which met with the approval of the coal mines inspector. The lack of the contrivance contemplated had caused accidents, though not fatal ones, in this province.

The Premier said he was not offering any opposition but would like to have the section stand over to enable him to receive some information which he had sent over. This was agreed to. The clause in question follows:

"If in any mine the winding apparatus is not provided with some automatic contrivance to prevent overwinding then the cage, when men are being raised, shall not be wound up at a speed exceeding three miles an hour after the cage has reached a point in the shaft to be fixed by the special rules."

Proceeding with the debate on the bill, the Premier remarked that in England a Royal Commission was enquiring into the whole question of clutches and other safety appliances. As, however, the bill would not come into force till May 1910 any additional information could be taken advantage of later. He thanked the member for Nanaimo for the way in which he had explained the bill and assured him there was no opposition from the government side of the house.

The Medical Bill.

Opening the debate on the second reading of Dr. King's Medicine and Surgery Bill Mr. Hawthornthwaite said that no attack on the profession at large would be made or tolerated, and paid a tribute to the devotion and charity frequently shown by doctors. For this reason the profession should be doubly careful when asking for legislation not to do anything to injure this good impression. So this bill came rather as a shock, as it was generally believed that the profession was already well protected. There was no public demand for it. The speaker agreed that the public should be protected from quacks. His party did not stand for licensed ignorance. But too much power should not be given to anybody. Power was demoralizing. Even the Socialist party might conceivably abuse power. In fact he did not believe much in government at all.

Principal practitioners here are allopaths, who may think that they have all knowledge, but history shows that accepted practice of half a century ago is often discarded today and it is admitted that but little is yet known of medical science. Nature and nursing do the most of it. He quoted authorities to show that medicine is still largely empirical for that reason too much power should not be given to one branch of the profession.

The speaker went on to criticize certain clauses in the bill, especially the provision throwing the burden of proof on the accused person, and the exclusion of osteopaths and others, but he was glad to understand that this was to be remedied in committee. Another suggested amendment he approved was the placing of private hospitals and asylums under government control as also that regarding nurses. As drafted the bill was an injustice to them.

Dr. Kergin referred to some of the quotations read by the last speaker. It was quite true that the medical profession used fewer drugs than ever. This was a strong argument in favor of keeping out quacks, as these gentry used the most drugs and used them unintelligently.

The bill was then read a second time.

The house adjourned at 11:15 p. m.

AMUSEMENTS

Sully Makes a Hit

That veteran actor Daniel Sully appeared before a Victoria audience last night in his success, "The Matchmaker," and scored a hit. The Victoria theatre was well filled with an appreciative audience who thoroughly enjoyed the play, and to "Dan" was accorded the heartiest of receptions. Mr. Sully has been seen in this city before and is a favorite with local theatre-goers, but in the present play he emphasized his ability and won fresh tributes. In "The Matchmaker" Mr. Suily is afforded more scope than he had in "The Parish Priest." The play is one of the good, clean and wholesome type and was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. All the parts were well taken by a capable company.

The Burgomaster

The Montreal, Quebec Gazette of Tuesday, December 10, 1907, has the following to say of "The Burgomaster":

"Packed to capacity, and with standing room in demand, the Academy of Music last evening presented an aspect in keeping with the best traditions of former seasons. Established popularity in previous visits, "The Burgomaster," with accessories up to date, at once renewed its hold, and the strange advantures of the merry old Dutchman were witnessed with as much laughter as ever.

Harry Hermsen is again in the role of the Burgomaster, a host of merriment in himself, and as "the summer boy," Ruth White looks as attractive as ever in the garb of her opposite sex.

There is abundance of catchy airs which were prolific of encores, the wierd song of the Indian chief in act one provoking a storm of applause. The chorus that greeted the Burgomaster on awaking from his sleep of three hundred years added no little to the success of the entertainment, their dancing being good, their costumes triumph of taste and their faces in most cases bewitchingly fair, so that though the results of indulgence in whiskey were shown to lead in Peter Stuyvesant's case to employment in a dime museum and awkward importunities from an amorous lady theosophist, the tippling old Dutchman's fate had features to be envied."

It will be heard at the Victoria theatre tonight.

The New Grand

To a lumbering country, such as British Columbia, the work of the Australian woodchoppers at the Grand theatre this week is of surprising interest. It is one of the most interesting acts that has come over the circuit for many weeks, and the audiences are quick to show their appreciation of the Australian work on water-soaked British Columbia fir. Sawing and chopping, varied with clever axe throwing are the principal items in an act which is novel and well worth the appreciation bestowed on it. The men offer to forfeit $250 to any one who can beat them at their own game, and in such a country as this, the home of lumbermen, it will be strange if some lumberjacks do not take up the defi. Other good acts on a fine bill are: Jno. Le Claire, novelty juggler; Daly, the madman; Flora Browning, singing comedienne, assisted by Kellar, the great whistler; the McIntyre sisters, singers and dancers; Thos. J. Price, in illustrated song; good moving pictures and a new overture by the orchestra.

Pantages Theatre.

A woman who can throw her voice a great distance would naturally seem to have a big handicap over most women and Madam Johnson, of the Great Johnson Ventriloquists, now at the Pantages, has the unique distinction of being one of the very few women in the world possessed of this rare gift. She and her husband are presenting a very clever and amusing entertainment. Warner and Lakwood, in the "Scarecrow and the Maid," the Morgersons, in their Buster Brown sketch, "His New Papa"; Adelea, on the high wire; Mr. Dixon, singing to pictures, "When the Bees Are in the Hive" and a double reel of exceedingly funny motion pictures on the biograph all combine to form a most pleasing bill.

A genuine Titian was purchased by a Soho hair dresser for a few shillings.

There are 150 firemen on some of the larger Atlantic steamers.

One million pounds is the average annual profit at Monte Carlo.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS
(Too Late to Classify)

BOY WANTED—With or without wheel. Apply between 12 and 1, today; Angus Campbell & Co. f25

WANTED—Information as to present address of Mr. Albert George Raisen; last heard of in June 1908, at Exshaw, Alberta. All information to be sent to Mr. Arthur F. Raisen, Solicitor, 23, Bush Lane, London, England. f25

PARCEL DELIVERY—Parcels called for and delivered to any part of the city for 10c. Victoria Transfer Co. Phone 129.

WANTED to rent from April, 5-roomed house, Hillside Avenue or vicinity, state particulars and rent. 517 Colonist. f25

LOST—Rough haired Fox Terrier, tan head, black and white body, reward. Apply Shallcross Macaulay & Co. f25

FOR SALE—Two complete launches, one 16feet, 3 H.P. engine; one 20 feet, cabin launch, 10 H.P. engine; hard wood finish and brass fittings. R. F. Stephens, 1235 Sunny Side Ave. f25

FOR SALE—One big, brood mare; farm waggon and harness. Apply 1330 Gladstone Ave. f25

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FOR SALE—100 shares Canadian Northwest Oil stock at 50 cents. Box 521, Colonist. f25

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FOR SALE—Horse, harness, road cart, milk cart and milk cans. Apply W. J. Palmer, Island Road, Oak Bay. f25

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TO LET—Comfortable furnished rooms in modern house; pleasant surroundings; one block from C. P. R. wharf; breakfast if desired; 434 Quebec St. f25

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TO LET—Furnished housekeeping rooms; 735 View St.; central. f25

LOST—Mink muff, on Fort between Broad and Cook, about 5:30 p. m. Return Box 520, Colonist. f25

WANTED — Bookkeeper for general store, Union Bay. Apply C. R. Bishop, King Edward hotel, Friday afternoon. f25

FOR SALE—Steel range, nearly new, Acorn make, 6 holes with coils; cost $65; sell cheap. Jones' Carpenter shop, corner Fort and Blanchard. f25

TO LET—New house, never occupied; reception hall, 8 rooms, (beautifully finished throughout), basement, laundry, furnace, half acre grounds, lawn, etc.; ideal home. Apply Owner, 59 Menzies St. f25

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TO LET—Furnished rooms; 224 Montreal St. f25

WANTED TO BUY—South African Scrip; highest price paid. W. D. Dresser, Empress hotel. f25

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Notice to Contractors

CITY OF LADYSMITH, SEWERAGE.

Sealed tenders, endorsed "Tenders for Sewerage," will be received up to 5 p. m. on Monday, March 15th, 1909, by the undersigned for the construction of certain Sewerage Works for the Corporation of the City of Ladysmith, B. C.

Plans, specifications, contract, bond and forms of tender may be seen on and after the 15th day of February, 1990, at the City Hall of Ladysmith, B. C.

Each proposal must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque (or certificate of deposit) on a chartered bank of Canada, made payable to the Corporation of the City of Ladysmith, Ladysmith, for the sum of one thousand dollars, which shall be forfeited if the party tendering decline to enter into contract when called upon to do so, or if he fail to complete the work contracted for. The cheques or certificates of deposit of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them upon the execution of the contract. Tenders will not be considered unless made out on the forms supplied, which may be obtained at the office of the City Clerk, Ladysmith, and must be accompanied by a bond in the sum of six thousand dollars, duly signed by the contractor himself and two responsible parties, residents of the province of British Columbia, whose names shall be subject to the approval of the City Council. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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Notice is hereby given that we, the undersigned, intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria

A SPECIAL PURCHASE OF LINENS WILL GO ON SALE FRIDAY

A manufacturer's stock of Linens of All Kinds go on sale Friday. These goods are some that our buyer secured from a large linen manufacturer at prices so much below regular that we are able to offer them at savings from a quarter to a third. They comprise Linens of all kinds, including Damasks, Lunch Cloths, Hemstitched and Drawn Work Table Cloths, Runners and Fringed Table Covers. Replenish your stock of Linens now at the savings this sale affords.

Fringed Table Covers

54 in. x 54 in., in white, blue and white, white and red, white and blue. Special Friday **75c**

Linen Damask Runners

16 in. x 45 in., handsome designs. Special Friday **50c**

18 in. x 54 in., hemstitched and drawn. Special Friday **65c**

14 in. x 54 in., hemstitched. Special Friday **75c**

16 in. x 54 in. and 16 in. x 72 in. Hemstitched. Special Friday **$1.00**

Hemstitched Runners. Fancy scroll design of hemstitching,

18 in. x 48 in. and 18 in. x 54 in. Special Friday **25c**

Satin Damask Table Cloths

Satin Damask Table Cloths. Border all round, nicely hemstitched. Splendid assortment of patterns.

2 x 2 yards. Very special. Friday **$3.50**

2 x 2½ yards. Very special Friday **$4.00**

2 x 3 yards. Very special Friday **$5.00**

2 x 3½ yards. Very special. Friday **$5.75**

2 x 4 yards. Very special Friday **$6.75**

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2 x 2½ yards. Special Friday **$5.00**

2 x 3 yards. Special Friday **$5.75**

2 x 3½ yards. Special Friday **$6.75**

2 x 4 yards. Special Friday **$7.50**

Fine Satin Damask Table Cloth—2 x 3½ yards, border all around. Friday **$4.00**

Fine Satin Damask Table Cloth— 2 x 4 yards, border all round. Friday **$4.50**

Fine Satin Damask Table Cloths, 2½ x 2½ yards, border all round. Friday **$5.00**

Fine Satin Damask

58 in. Satin Damask, grass bleach. Friday **35c**

68 in. Satin Damask, grass bleach, good assortment of new designs. Friday **50c**

Damask Lunch Cloths

36 in. x 36 in. Damask Lunch Cloths, nicely hemstitched. Friday **$1.00**

40 in. x 40 in. Damask Lunch Cloths, hemstitched. Friday **$1.00**

50 in. x 50 in. Damask Lunch Cloths, hemstitched. Friday **$1.00**

Millinery Apprentices Wanted—Apply at Millinery Department

Price Magnets for Men

New Goods just opened at prices that are lower than what you usually have to pay for these goods. Such value giving as this is one of the principal reasons why our Men's Store has such a rapidly increasing business.

MEN'S COLLARS, imported make, made of best linen, all styles, all heights, all sizes, good value at 3 for 50c. Special price, each ..... **12½¢**

MEN'S SHIRTS—New season's Men's Print and Percale Shirts, a splendid selection of patterns, checks, polka dots, stripes, fancy designs and plain shades, mostly plain, soft bosoms, with separate cuffs, but a few with pleated bosoms and cuffs attached. Value $1.25. Special **$1.00**

MEN'S SHIRTS—Fine woven Oxford and Zephyr Shirts, in very choice designs and shades, many coat style and with cuffs attached. Special **$1.50**

MEN'S SHIRTS—Imported English woven Oxford Shirts, in fancy stripes, soft bosoms, cuffs attached, splendid shirts for wear, and full size cut. Special **$1.75**

MEN'S SHIRTS—Soft Shirts, with turndown collars, made of soft cream twilled cotton, with spots, checks and stripes, collars are reversible and can be turned inside, all sizes. Special ..... **75¢**

MEN'S SOFT OUTING SHIRTS, with reversible laydown collars, made of strong cotton, with black, blue and tan stripes, very serviceable. Special ..... **75¢**

MEN'S OUTING OR TENNIS SHIRTS, fancy cream cotton ground, with colored silk stripes, pink, blue and green. Special **$1.00**

MEN'S UNDERWEAR, medium weight, natural Merino shirts and drawers, soft finish. Special, per garment.. **50¢**

MEN'S SOX, black and tan cotton sox, medium weight, fine make. Special ..... **12½¢**

ENGLISH FLANNEL SHIRTS, with collar bands for wear with white starched collar, colored, checks and stripes, made full size and double stitched, all sizes. Special **$1.75**

NEW SPRING NECKWEAR, just recived, some particularly new and neat patterns in fine silk. Special .. .. **75¢**

MEN'S UNDERWEAR, medium weight, ribbed balbriggan shirts and drawers, natural shade, all sizes. Special per garment ..... **50¢**

MEN'S UNDERWEAR, plain and striped balbriggan shirts and drawers, fine quality, natural shade and striped blue. Special, per garment ..... **50¢**

Sterling Values in the Annex

STOVE PIPE WIRE SHELVES, very handy in kitchen. Friday and Saturday Special ..... **50¢**

SCRUB BRUSHES, regular 25c. Friday and Saturday, Special at ..... **15¢**

CLOSET BRUSHES, Friday and Saturday Special..... **25¢**

DUST PAN BRUSHES, handles assorted colors. Regular 35c. Friday and Saturday Special ..... **25¢**

PARLOR BROOMS, good weight. Regular 35c. Friday and Saturday Special at..... **25¢**

FOOD CHOPPERS, family size, with extra cutters. Regular $1.50. Friday and Saturday Special..... **$1.00**

SELF WRINGING MOPS, regular 50c, Friday and Saturday Special ..... **35¢**

CHINA CUPS AND SAUCERS, breakfast size, three gold lines pattern. Regular $2.40 per dozen. Friday and Saturday, per cup and saucer ..... **10¢**

TIN TEA KETTLES, flaring bottoms. Regular 30c. Friday and Saturday, Special..... **15¢**

COVERED VEGETABLE DISHES, assorted colors. Regular 75c and $1.00. Friday and Saturday..... **50¢**

Hand Crocheted Doylies, 25c

DOYLIES, with linen centre and hand crocheted edges, all sizes, very handsome. Special Friday, each..... **25c**

Oddments on Sale Friday

A quantity of oddments and remnants will be offered for sale on Friday in the Carpet section. A lot of odd lines that will be money savers for you if you can use them, as they are marked at very low prices.

Axminster Carpet Remnants

ABOUT ONE HUNDRED, 1½-yard lengths of Wilton and Axminster Carpet in a large assortment of designs and colorings. Just the thing for mats. Reg. $3.00 each. Friday, each, **$1.00**

Linoleum Remnants

FIFTY ENDS OF PRINTED LINOLEUM, in lengths from 2 square yards to 10 square yards. A good assortment of colorings and designs. Regular, per square yard, 50c. Friday..... **30¢**

Brussels Carpet Remnants

ABOUT TWO HUNDRED, 1½-yard lengths of Brussels Carpet, good selection of colors and designs. Regular, each $1.75 to $2.50. Friday, each ..... **75¢**

Oilcloth Remnants

A QUANTITY OF PRINTED OILCLOTHS, in several patterns and different lengths. They are remnants of 35c qualities. Friday's price per yard will be ..... **20¢**

New Goods Opening Daily

New Goods pouring into the Big Store in a continual stream, bringing with them suggestions of the coming fine weather, and all the pleasures that go with it. Prices were never more attractive than this season, and it would be well not to lose sight of the fact that we sell all our goods at fair prices. We buy at the lowest possible price and sell accordingly A small profit and a quick turnover, that is our motto.

Tailored Waists the Season's Novelty

In New York and in practically every American city the tailored waist reigns supreme as being the absolutely correct waist. Their very simplicity makes them smart and attractive and they are so distinctly different from the lingerie styles that they make a welcome change. The lines mentioned are New York styles made by manufacturers in that city that are making tailored styles exclusively. They are particularly dressy and smart.

TAILORED WAISTS made of fine soft linen, open front with row of pearl buttons and stripes of different colored linen, rows of wide tucks on either side, plain back, long sleeves with stiff cuffs, strapped with material to match front, stiff collar to match. Price **$4.50**

TAILORED WAISTS made of nice quality linen, laundered, open front with row of pearl buttons, and rows of fine tucks down each side, plain back with wide tucks over shoulder, long sleeves with stiff cuffs, stiff linen collar embroidered. Price **$5.00**

TAILORED WAISTS made of soft pique in a small neat design. Open front with pearl buttons, rows of tucks make the entire front, plain back, long sleeves with soft cuffs, stiff linen collar. Price **$4.75**

TAILORED WAISTS made of fine mercerized vesting in a striped design. Open front with pleat down centre and pearl buttons, rows of tucks on either side, plain back, long sleeves with soft cuffs, stiff linen collar. Price **$4.75**

Splendid Values in the Men's Store

New Goods at small prices, the keynote of our Men's Clothing Section is maximum of quality and minimum of price. We have solved the problem of being well dressed at small cost for the men of Victoria. We can furnish you with good fitting, well made stylish garments at prices that will surprise you they are so moderate. A few suggestions for the week-end:

MEN'S SUITS, new styles and cuts, made of navy blue and black serge, well tailored good fitting garments. Specially priced at.... **$8.75**

MEN'S SUITS, made of natty tweeds in single and double breasted styles, new cuts and splendid suits for business wear, extra good value at **$7.50**

BOYS' PANTS, some odd lines that we will clear out on Friday at ..... **50¢**

BOY'S BUSTER SUITS, made of good serviceable tweeds in neat designs. Regular values $3.75 to $4.50. Special at..... **$2.25**

BOYS' CAPS, made of tweeds and serges in golf and motor styles. Special price for Friday ..... **25¢**

BOYS' OVERALLS, some odd lines priced on Friday at ..... **15¢**

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Spring Footwear Specials

On Friday and Saturday we will place on sale c few lines of new Spring Shoes. These lines are exceptional value, selected from our latest arrivals and cannot fail to attract attention

MEN'S BOOTS—Genuine box calf or Dongola kid, Goodyear welt soles, military or C S. heels **$3.50**

MEN'S BOOTS—Stout box kip, Blucher boots, stout, standard screwed or McKay sewed soles. A serviceable medium weight boot **$2.50**

BOYS' BOOTS—Dongola kid, Blucher boots, standard screwed. Sizes 11 to 13 ..... **$1.75**
Sizes 1 to 5 ..... **$2.00**

BOY'S BOOTS—Stout satin calf, Blucher boots, stout pegged soles, A1 school boots. Sizes 11 to 13 ..... **$1.75**
Sizes 1 to 5 ..... **$2.00**

LITTLE GENTS' BOOTS—Stout, oil pebble grain, laced boots, a good looking and serviceable school boot. Sizes 8 to 10½ **$1.50**

LITTLE GENTS' BOOTS—Vici kid, Blucher, stout sewed soles, made like Father's, with hooks. Sizes 8 to 10½.. **$1.75**

LADIES' BOOTS—A dressy, ladies' vici kid, Blucher boot, in patent colt, vici kid or gun metal calf, American make **$2.50**

LADIES' BOOTS—Superior quality, kid, calf or patent leather, Blucher boots, McKay sewed or Goodyear welt soles, Cuban heels **$3.50**

LADIES' SHOES—A complete range of ladies' Oxford shoes, black and tan kid and patent leather, light and stout soles. The newest ties **$2.50**

CHILDREN'S AND MISSES' BOOTS—Real vici kid, Blucher boots, patent tips, sewed soles. Sizes 8 to 10½ .. **$1.50**
Sizes 11 to 2 ..... **$1.75**

You Can't Always Buy at These Prices

Genuine English Brass Bedsteads, of the finest quality possible, solid brass tubing, triple lacquered, pattern, style and finish unexcelled:

ENGLISH BRASS BEDSTEAD, 4 ft. 6 in. x 6 ft. 6 in. Regular value $177.00. Special **$142.00**

ENGLISH BRASS TWINS, 3 ft. x 6 ft. 6 in. Regular value $144.00. Special per pair..... **$115.00**

ENGLISH BRASS BEDSTEAD, 5 ft. x 6 ft. 6 in. Regular value $125.00. Special..... **$97.50**

ENGLISH BRASS BEDSTEAD, 4 ft. 6 in. x 6 ft. 6 in. Regular value $125.00. Special..... **$97.50**

ENGLISH BRASS TWINS, 3 ft. x 6 ft. 6 in. Regular value $124.00. Special per pair..... **$97.00**

ENGLISH BRASS BEDSTEAD, 4 ft. 6 in. x 6 ft. 6 in. Regular value $121.50. Special **$95.00**

ENGLISH BRASS BEDSTEAD, 4 ft. 6 in. x 6 ft. 6 in. Regular value $97.50. Special..... **$77.50**

ENGLISH BRASS BEDSTEAD, 4 ft. 6 in. x 6 ft. 6 in. Regular value $93.50. Special..... **$75.25**

ENGLISH BRASS BEDSTEAD, 4 ft. 6 in. x 6 ft. 6 in. Regular value $92.00. Special **$75.00**

ENGLISH BRASS BEDSTEAD, 4 ft. 6 in. x 6 ft. 6 in. Regular value $82.00. Special **$77.50**

ENGLISH BRASS BEDSTEAD, 4 ft. 6 in. x 6 ft. 6 in. Regular value $75.50. Special **$61.75**

ENGLISH BRASS BEDSTEAD, 4 ft. 6 in. x 6 ft. 6 in. Regular value $55.00. Special **$43.50**

ENGLISH BRASS BEDSTEAD, 3 ft. x 6 ft. 6 in. Regular value $55.00. Special..... **$43.50**

ENGLISH BRASS BEDSTEAD, 4 ft. 6 in. x 6 ft. 6 in. Regular value $46.00. Special **$36.00**

Take Lunch Today at Our Tea Room

DAVID SPENCER, LTD.

Afternoon Tea Served at Our Tea Room